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Devaluation marks new economic plan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The cabinet has approved a new economic program which its proponents say will stimulate economic growth and exports, curb inflation and assure economic stability without causing hardship to wage-earners or increasing unemployment.

The main features of the plan, agreed to after an exhausting all-night session and intensive consultations with labor and management, are a 10% devaluation of the shekel; a 400 million shekel reduction in the national budget; some minor tax reforms; and a new levy on education.

Although the prices of some subsidized goods and services will go up as a result of devaluation, they are expected to be neutralized by wage-price constraint agreed to by Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association. A proposed 30% hike in transportation fares was dropped. The price of gasoline was not raised.

A total price freeze will be in effect until April.

The budget itself, the subject of 'fierce debate within and outside the cabinet for the past month, emerged with the defence budget unscathed.

The modest 80 million shekel cut in defence expenditures, urged by Finance Minister Moshe Nissim with the support of Premier Yitzhak Shamir, was voted down by a majority of the ministers, a singular victory for Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The 80 million shekels will be excised instead from the budget reserves.

A major and even more controversial change of policy was the decision to impose an annual education tax of between 100-400 shekels per child, the amount contingent on the parents' income.

Finance Minister Nissim

The cabinet thereby deviated from the principle of free compulsory education which has been in effect since the founding of the state.

But according to government sources, about 43% of the population will be exempt. Parents of more than three children, residents of development towns and families with a monthly income of 1,000 shekels or less will not have to pay the tax.

The Treasury's ambitious plans for major tax reforms, including the elimination of loopholes and exemptions, went by the board. What emerged in the new economic program was a reduction of the top income tax bracket to 48% on incomes of up to 9,000 shekels a month. Families earning more will pay a surtax of 53% on the difference. Corporate taxes were put in the 40% bracket.

Under heavy pressure from Histadrut, the finance minister was forced to abandon plans to eliminate tax exemptions for new development towns, working mothers and the handicapped. Nissim also backed away from health care fees. Histadrut called those proposals anti-social and regressive.

The 10% devaluation of the shekel may have the greatest impact. Nissim gave assurances that it would not usher in a new era of periodic devaluations.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange reacted favorably. Virtually all shares advanced in price last week. Investors were apparently convinced that the currency rate adjustment will spur exports and business in general.

At a joint press conference with Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and Dov Lautman, chairman of the Manufacturers Association, Nissim declared:

"Let me assure our public that this is a one-time action . . . It will not upset our hard-won stability . . . We have seized the opportunities to ensure that the effects of the devaluation are neutralized . . . and therefore the exchange rate will stand for a long time to come."

The official rate now stands at 1.64 shekels to the dollar and 1.68 shekels to a "basket" of currencies.

Peres and Nissim maintained that the new economic plan "created the conditions for a continuation of the stability in the economy and renewal of growth." Its purpose, they said, was to avoid unemployment and not widen the social gap. They contended that industry and exports would benefit.

The entire plan is subject to approval by the Knesset, where it is expected to encounter some stiff opposition.

Yair Isaban of Mapam attacked the tax reform measure. He said they would cost the government upwards of 1 billion shekels in lost revenues.

"Justification of discrimination"

BB slams Manitoba report

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

This past summer, the Winnipeg Jewish community and women's groups were gripped by revelations that a subsidiary of the government-owned Manitoba Telephone System was excluding Jews and women from work in Saudi Arabia.

Following an investigation by the managment auditing firm of Coopers and Lybrand, the subsidiary, MTX, pulled out of Saudi Arabia. The minister responsible for MTS, Al Mackling, left the cabinet and MTX management was involved in major housecleaning at top levels.

David Matas

However, the matter did not end there. David Matas, senior legal counsel for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, recently wrote to Manitoba Attorney General Roland Penner asking that the Coopers and Lybrand report "be dismissed."

The reason: "The cause of the problem disappeared, but the logic behind it remained."

Matas told The CJN that Coopers and Lybrand criticized MTX management decisions, but ultimately justified the discrimination practiced by the firm. In effect, it "whitewashed the human rights violations of MTX," Matas says.

In his 6-page letter to Penner, Matas takes to task the C&L report for presenting "too narrow a focus" and for "justification of the discrimination that took place."

Under the terms of the MTX contract with a Saudi Arabian corporation for telecommunications equipment, MTX banned Jews and women from working in Saudi Arabia.

According to Matas, C&L concluded MTX was not involved in discrimination because "none of the

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Lebanon Jews urged to flee

PARIS (JTA) —

The Representative Council of Major French Jewish Organizations (CRIF) has urged Lebanon's remaining Jewish community to flee the country at the earliest possible moment to save their lives. Fewer than 100 Jews are believed to remain in Lebanon.

Roger Pinto, head of CRIF's committee for imperiled Jewish communities, made his plea a day after a Shiite terrorist group in Lebanon announced the "execution" of another Jewish hostage, bringing to nine the number of Lebanese Jews kidnapped and murdered in less than two years.

The latest victim was identified by the killers as Yehoudah Benesti, 70, whose two sons, Ibrahim and Youssuf, were slain by the same group last year.

Pinto stressed that Lebanese Jews "belong to no community" as do Moslem and Christians, "have no militias of their own and do not enjoy the help or protection of any foreign powers." According to Pinto, "They remain in Lebanon because they love their country," but the time has come for them to flee.

Two Lebanese Jewish hostages, are believed here to be still alive. They are Isaac Sasson the former president of the now defunct Lebanese Jewish community, who was kidnapped on March 31, 1985; and Selim Jamous, the community's former secretary, who was kidnapped from his office on August 14, 1984.

They are believed held by the same extremist terrorist group responsible for the murders of Jews, the self-styled Organization of the Oppressed (Mustadafin) in the World.

French sources in contact with various factions in Lebanon believe the latest victim, Yehouda Benesti, was not murdered as his captors claimed, because of his activities "on behalf of Israeli intelligence," but died as a consequence of mistreatment and ill health.

The Mustadafin said it executed its latest victim because of his activities "on behalf of Israeli intelligence." It released a photograph of an elderly bald-headed man with a well trimmed white beard.

According to the group's announcements, 10 Lebanese Jews were taken prisoners during the last 20 months and nine have been killed. Only three bodies have been recovered, however. Those were identified as Haim Cohen, 38, kiidnapped on March 30, 1985 and murdered on Dec. 24, 1985; Isaac Tarrab, 70, murdered late December 1985; and Ibrahim Benesti.

The French Jewish community has appealed to the French government and to President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon to try to secure the release of Jewish hostages still alive and the return of the bodies of those put to death. Shiite gangs are presently holding 19 French nationals hostage.

Neither the French government nor Gemayel seem to have influence with the Shiite extremists in Lebanon. Terry Waite, the Englishman representing the Archbishop of Canterbury in trying to secure the release of hostages in Lebanon, has intervened on behalf of the Jewish vic-

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REMNANTS

The way they are — Sara and Rafael Adler, as they appear on the cover of the book Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland. See the way they were...and the story about their Canadian connection on page 5.

Basic disagreements snagging peace moves

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, winding up a 2-week tour of the Middle East, said last week that he was "convinced" that Israel, Egypt and Jordan are serious about advancing the peace process, though they remain at odds over how to go about it.

Murphy briefed Premier Yitzhak Shamir on his talks in Jordan and Egypt. His stopover in Jerusalem was his second since he came to the region recently on his first visit since September.

He told reporters; "I am returning to Washington convinced of the seriousness of purpose about advancing the peace process here, in Jordan and in Egypt." A spokesman for Shamir said Murphy informed the Premier that there was no change in the basic disagreement among the three countries over how to revive the peace process.

"There are good intentions, but there is disagreement over how to proceed," the spokesman quoted Murphy as saying.

Egypt and Jordan are pressing for an international peace conference on the Middle East with the participation of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council and all parties concerned, including the Palestinians. Both countries recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as spokesman for the Palestinians.

Israel refuses to negotiate with the PLO. It insists that any international forum must be a framework for direct negotiations, not a substitute for them and it is determined to prevent the re-entry of the Soviet Union into Middle Eastern affairs.

The U.S. appears to favor the Israeli position. Murphy, who is assistant secretary for near eastern and south Asian Affairs, will meet Shamir again when the latter comes to Washington next month for meetings with President Reagan and top administration officials. During his visits to Israel, Murphy met with Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Israel sources believe Murphy will return to the region after the Islamic conference in Kuwait later this month. They believe much depends on whether the conference will give Egypt and Jordan a freer hand to act. President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt is due to visit Washington a week after Shamir's visit.

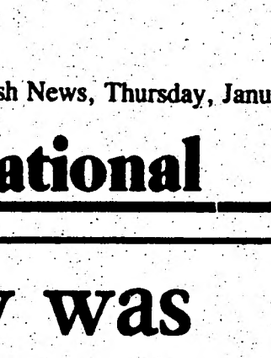
Israeli sources also maintain that a major purpose of Murphy's current Mideast tour was to allay Arab fears over the Reagan administration's covert shipment of arms to Iran and to restore Washington's credibility in the Arab world. If that is the case, his success was only partial, the sources said. They noted that King Hussein of Jordan, on an official visit to France, said in Paris that because of the Iran affair, American credibility has sunk to "nearly zero."

World-National

Why was Magen David on a church?

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Forty-one years ago Allied troops were nearing the Rhine, preparing for the final assault on Nazi Germany. Our 104th Infantry Division of the American forces had entered a little city and found it in shambles. What the air attacks had missed ground artillery had finished. Only a few buildings were still standing, their roofless walls gaping blindly into the wintery sky.


Rabbi Plaut

A church was among them and I stopped to look at its skeleton. Its gothic windows had been splintered; the innocent glass shattered like that of hundreds of synagogues throughout the land when, just over six years before, they had been victimized in the orgy of Crystal Night.

One "survivor"

Then came the surprise. One window had remained intact. Its sole design was the Magen David which was the recognized symbol of Judaism and the very sign which Jews were forced to wear as a badge throughout the Nazi realm. That a window so decorated should be the one "survivor" of the destruction seemed reassuring to a soldier returning to a land where his people had been defamed, devastated and destroyed.

Yet at the same time the sight was startling: what was a Magen David doing on a church, and a German church to boot? Most certainly not an acknowledgement of the Jewish origins of Christianity. What then? At the time I did not know the answer; for me, the sign was thoroughly Jewish and in my experience always had been.

Ubiquity astounding

The Magen David in that German church piqued my interest. If it was found in unfamiliar surroundings here, were there other places as well? If so, when and how did we Jews adopt it as a national insigne? I promised myself that I would attempt to explore these questions once the war was over.

And I did. I began to look for the symbol and found it in unexpected places. Its ubiquity was astounding, and I wondered why I had never noticed it before. (Much later, after I moved to Canada, I found it decorating such unlikely places as Toronto's old City Hall and a pulpit cloth of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church.)

By and by I was led to ask the question how this symbol, composed of two interlaced triangles had come to stand for the Jewish people. The inquiry soon revealed what scholars had long known: that while the sign was ancient, its connection with the Jewish people was relatively recent. There was a time — and not too long ago — when few Jews would have identified with it and when some of their leaders even considered it heathenish and totally inappropriate to represent the faith and people of Israel.

Abstract figure

Besides, we already had an old and well loved recognizable symbol, the 7-branched candelabrum or menorah. Why and how did we come to replace it with another sign which evoked no immediate historical or emotional association? For the Magen David is an abstract geometric figure which does not call to mind anything in experience or history.

Yet today Jews have come to say: This belongs to me, this represents me. Today it has assumed the status of a true symbol. How then did it happen that a widely scattered people, who lacked a structured religious hierarchy or secular power that could have imposed the symbol, came to accept it freely? That is the question to which I propose to address myself.

(From the prologue to *The Magen David*, a new book by Rabbi Plaut, to be published later this year by B'nai B'rith International.)

U.S. - Israeli relations may cool

By
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WASHINGTON —

The last two years of the Reagan administration, which happen to coincide with the last two years of Israel's national unity government, could see a very real downturn in American-Israeli relations from the virtual honeymoon that existed over most of the past six years.

There will not be any all-out confrontation or collision. The seemingly built-in cushion in the relationship which has developed over the years will not permit that. But the extraordinarily close ties between Washington and Jerusalem which highlighted most of the first six years of Ronald Reagan's presidency are likely to cool down somewhat now.

The major reason for any temporary decline in American-Israeli fortunes will stem largely from the incredible fallout of the Iran-Contra affair. From the start, Israel was deeply involved in working with officials of the National Security Council in that sordid mess. As a result, some U.S. officials are today prepared to try to protect themselves by making Israel the scapegoat for blunders which were committed.

The outcry in Washington is only beginning. Lengthy, nationally-televised Congressional investigations could continue for months. A special prosecutor has been appointed to determine whether any criminal behavior occurred. American news organizations are covering this story very much as they did Watergate.

Reagan's political fortunes have slipped. His popularity in the opinion polls has dropped dramatically since the American public discovered that he and his administration were selling arms to the Ayatollah Khomeini's despised regime. While declaring that the U.S. would never negotiate with terrorists or pay ransom for the release of hostages, Reagan was secretly doing exactly that — with the help of Israel.

There are other reasons for some problems in U.S.-Israel relations. The Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal is by no means over. Its continued fallout is also likely to hurt the overall U.S.-Israeli relationship in the coming months. The former civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy last year pleaded guilty to spying for Israel and is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 10. He could receive a very long prison term.

But there is a group in the U.S. justice department which wants to keep this case very much alive, convinced that Pollard was simply part of a larger Israeli espionage ring.

Under different circumstances, the damage from the Pollard affair probably could have been contained. A strong, pro-Israeli President, secretary of state, attorney-general and Central Intelligence Agency director could have fudged the issues somewhat. Why allow this one disaster to poison the overall relationship? There are bigger interests at stake.

But Reagan is today weak; Secretary of State George Shultz seems to be on his way out; Attorney-General Edwin Meese is unlikely to lean on lesser officials in the justice department to ease up on Israel; and CIA director William Casey is in critical condition in a Washington hospital following the removal of a cancerous tumor from his brain.

Shultz in deep trouble

Indeed, the cast of characters formulating U.S. policy toward the Middle East is changing rapidly. Fiercely pro-Israeli advocates are being replaced by more "traditionalist" experts on the Middle East.

Since replacing Alexander Haig as secretary of state in June 1982, George Shultz has become extremely pro-Israel. He worked very closely with Israel in many areas, especially in its economic recovery program. He supported large-scale financial grants to stimulate the economy. He also helped Israel in many other ways. Thus, Israeli officials dread the thought of his departure.

But Shultz remains in deep trouble in Washington because Reagan's closest advisors believe he was disloyal to the President in the immediate aftermath of the Iran affair. The secretary had opposed the policy of selling arms to Iran but was overruled. Once the policy was revealed, he publicly walked away from Reagan. His credibility, both home and abroad, has been shattered, and he knows this.

After a decent interval, therefore, Shultz will probably leave Washington to return to the academic environment of Stanford University in California. He would have quit weeks ago but he felt that it would be unpatriotic to walk away from Reagan while he was so down.

Casey was also pro-Israel during his six years at the CIA. He allowed U.S.-Israeli intelligence cooperation to reach new heights — even after Pollard's arrest.

According to The Washington Post, he even presented Israel with detailed satellite photography of enemy positions — something Casey's predecessors had steadfastly refused to do.

Like others in the Reagan administration, Casey came to have an enormous amount of respect for Israel's intelligence capabilities. Israel was seen as a "can-do" and innovative force in fighting state-sponsored terrorism and Soviet expansionism. Israel's reputation in clandestine operations, moreover, was very solid.

Helped save CIA spy

Thus, according to U.S. intelligence sources, cooperation between the CIA and the Mossad became close after Mossad agents successfuly intervened in Ethiopia in 1984 to help save a captured CIA spy who was being interrogated and tortured there. Based on that incident, Casey later turned to the Mossad again after William Buckley, the CIA's station chief in Beirut, was taken hostage. But the Mossad's contacts in Ethiopia proved superior to its contacts among the Shi'ite extremists holding Buckley. Israel could not save him. Still, the operational, on-the-ground cooperation between the U.S. and Israeli intelligence services in both affairs — as well as in others still unpublicized — strengthened the connection and underlined the extraordinarily close links that developed during Casey's tenure.

Ironically, this sudden downturn in the prospects of U.S.-Israeli relations has occurred shortly following the election in early November of what was widely seen as the most pro-Israeli Senate and House of Representatives ever. Israel still has enormous clout on Capitol Hill, but there could now be a somewhat more chilly atmosphere facing Israel because of the widely-held perception among many leading Democrats — who control both Houses now for the first time in six years — that Israel had virtually abandoned the Democratic Party in favor of Reagan and the Republicans.

Talking politely to machines in this technological age

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

Judith Martin, AKA Miss Manners, was once my colleague at the Washington Post, so I'm sure she'll excuse me if I dub myself Mr. Manners. I was raised to say "Thank you," to pardon myself when interrupting and to ask to be excused when leaving the table, upon which I was not permitted to put my elbows: "Richard, Richard, well and able, take your elbows off the table." I did.

It is for these reasons that, late in life, I am perplexed and sometimes played for the fool. For instance, I often find myself saying "You're welcome" to machines that say "Thank you." I did this repeatedly about two years ago when I made the mistake of renting a talking Chrysler. It told me when the door was ajar, when my seat belts were unbuckled and when I needed to turn off the engine because the whole thing was about to blow up. Everytime I buckled up as instructed, the car would say "Thank you" and I would instinctively say "You're welcome."

After half-a-day in the car, I stopped responding to it. But I still can't break the habit with the phone company. When using a credit card, I sometimes get a recording that asks for my number. I give it, there's a pause, then the recording says "Thank you." From my mouth comes "You're welcome." The same thing happens when I get a person who, in personality, is hardly different from a machine. The personoid invariably says "Thank you for using AT&T," to which I say "You're welcome" — but always too late. The personoid has hung up.

I naturally resent being treated like Pavlov's dog, responding to a stimulus. Not only is it stupid for a machine to thank me — a machine can be neither grateful nor thankful — but it is also stupid for me to carry on a dialogue with a collection of wires and silicon chips. My bank machine says "Thank you." Answering machines say "Thank you," and so, for that matter, do restaurant checks. I whisper "You're welcome" to them.

Just as machines now act like people, strangers act like pals. It is a common occurrence for people to call me on the phone and call me Richard right off. Worse, is the stranger who asks if I prefer Richard or Dick, and even worse is my refusal to give an honest answer: " 'Mr. Cohen' would be just fine." I say nothing like that, though, and pretty soon some guy I never met before is calling me by my nickname.

I have a similar difficulty when I call an airline for a reservation. First I get a machine that tells me that all the reservation clerks are busy but, in the words of United Airlines, the next available clerk will be with me when he or she is available. Then comes the worst part. A woman answers and says, "Hi, this is Debbie." What am I supposed to say? "Hi, this is Dickie?" I've called to find out if there's a flight to Akron and here I am talking to some lady as if she just sat down next to me in a cocktail lounge: "Hi, I'm Debbie. What's your sign?" "Aquarius, Debbie. Do you fly to Akron?"

Back in the days when stewardesses were pronounced obsolete after they either married or turned 30, I found myself unable to handle these Flying Flirts. They were instantly so friendly, so warm — so inquiring. "What's your name?" "What do you do for a living?" It all made me very uncomfortable. I knew they were not interested in me — not my personality, anyway. I used to envy guys who could banter with the stews, who seemed not to know, or not to care, that the women were being paid to be friendly. There is a word for that.

I need time to establish relationships. I like to go from Mr. Cohen to Richard to . . . may I call you Dick? Each step is a doorway through which I alone want to do the admitting. To call me Dick right off, to announce that you are Debbie, is tantamount to barging right in. Who invited you? What do you want? You don't even care about me. Leave me alone!

The fact is, I have been programmed to respond to people in certain ways. And the fact is that machines and their human equivalents have been programmed to take advantage of the way I have been programmed. Like Don Quixote, I was raised for a bygone age. Waiters announce their names to me. Who cares? AT&T thanks me for using it when, most of the time, I don't even have a choice.

I cling to the lessons of childhood. I respond to talking cars, thank machines, say "Pardon me" to lampposts I brush and call people by their titles. I am the Mr. Manners of the technological age, tilting at machines as if they were people and, slowly, treating people as if they were machines.

Thank you for reading this.

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Refusenik will be treated in Toronto

Soviets give the green light to cancer patient

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Cancer patient Lea Mariasin was told last week by Soviet officials that her battle to seek treatment in Toronto has been granted.

The Soviet Refusenik, her husband Alexander and daughter Faina were told Jan. 13 to go to the OVIR office on Jan. 19, B'nai B'rith's director of public affairs said.

Ellen Kachuck said the couple were told on the telephone that "their case had been resolved positively."

She explained that the Canadian embassy in Moscow had been told this on two previous occasions but when the Mariasins went to OVIR on Dec. 30, they were told otherwise.

The embassy requested an urgent meeting Jan. 9 with the Soviet foreign ministry to find out why they had been refused despite assurances that all three family members would be granted permanent exit visas, which would allow them to join her sister and brother-in-law, Mara and Eugene Katz, in Toronto.

"The Soviet official was apparently surprised to learn the Mariasins had been given a negative response and instructed one of his aides to find out what was causing the delay," she said. "The embassy was also told the visa would be good for anywhere in the world, which is unusual."

Inna Meiman's position is quite different. This cancer patient, who left the Soviet Union Jan. 18, has only been granted a temporary exit visa.

Meiman, who has a neck tumor, has only been permitted to leave the Soviet Union for one year to seek treatment at Georgetown University Medical Centre in Washington.

Dr. Gerald Batist, of Montreal, co-founder of the International Cancer Patients' Solidarity Committee, said that although Meiman, who has an inoperable neck tumor, was allowed to leave, her husband Naum, 74, was not.

Lea Mariasin

The cancer specialist attributed the refusal in part to the Refusenik's activities as one of the original members of a disbanded monitoring group on human rights in the Soviet Union in the 1970s.

"She had to choose between possible life-prolonging therapy and being with her husband, her main emotional support," Batist said.

Batist said a nurse from the U.S. embassy in Moscow will escort Meiman to the Washington hospital. The tumor on her neck is the fifth recurrent tumor of its kind. She has been operated on four times in the USSR.

Mariasin and Meiman were two of six Soviet Jewish cancer patients who formed a group last June to demand permission to seek treatment in the West.

Two, Rima Brave and Tatyana Bogomolny, are currently being treated in the West. Benjamin Charney and Yuri Schpeizman are both reported to be extremely ill.

"They are getting sicker," Batist said. "Politics is getting in the way of these people's lives.

Letter to Ukrainians draws protest

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Spokesmen for Jewish and Ukrainian organizations are downplaying the impact of a letter from an Israeli parliamentarian that told a group of U.S. Ukrainians to kneel in church "until bleeding at the knees in asking forgiveness for what your people has done to ours."

While saying the impact of the letter in the Canadian Ukrainian community was one of "dismay," John Gregorovich, chairman of the Civil Liberties Commission of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, said that was tempered by the realization that it represented only the personal views of Labor Party member Dov Ben-Meir and not those of his party or the Israeli government.

Jack Silverstone, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress called the letter "unhelpful." He told The CJN that Congress maintains that in the search for Nazi war criminals, only individuals, not communities, are responsible.

The letter, written last October to the head of Americans for Human Rights in Ukraine, was a response to a letter from the group to Israeli parliamentarians concerning the trial of suspected war criminal John Demjanjuk. Demjanjuk, a former autoworker in the U.S., is charged with being Ivan the Terrible, a guard at the Treblinka death camp responsible for the murder of thousands.

Gregorovich expressed his confidence in the Israeli legal system, which, he said, has a reputation for justice and fairness.

Meanwhile, Yaroslav Sokolyk, president of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee's Toronto branch says the "dynamite" letter "has set us back."

Referring to occasional meetings between the UCC and Jewish organizations such as Congress and the B'nai B'rith aimed at creating a "cordial" dialogue, Sokolyk said the letter makes it more difficult for the UCC to convince "the ordinary Joe in the street" that the communities should improve relations.

Reagan budget still provides for Israel

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

President Ronald Reagan's record $1.02 trillion budget for fiscal 1988 continues, as expected, to provide the same economic and military grants for Israel as in the current budget — a total of $3 billion. There is no emergency assistance as in the present allocation and last year's budget that together amount to $1.5 billion.

Under the allocations for the new fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1, the President has requested Congress to appropriate $1.8 billion in military aid and $1.2 billion in economic assistance for Israel. The emergency aid was legislated to relieve the country's serious economic condition including inflation that dropped from triple digit rates to about 20% annually at this time.

Egypt, which is second only to Israel in foreign aid because of its adherence to their peace treaty, is allocated $1.301 billion in military and $997 million in economic assistance which together are slightly less than the $2.305 billion in the current budget.

Cairo's military grant is unchanged and the economic security fund also remains the same at $815 million. The slight reduction in the overall economic aid is in the Food for Peace Program allotments.

Jordan, which is engaged with the U.S. and Israel in the "peace process," is allocated $71 million of which almost $54 million is in military assistance. This compares with the more than $55 million this year including almost $42 million for military use. Aid to Lebanon is put at $775,000 or $220,000 less than this year.

Melvyn Dobrin, national president, State of Israel Bonds, is seen with his predecessor Thomas Hecht, who has become Bonds chairman of the board.

Dobrin named to Bonds post

MONTREAL —

Melvyn Dobrin has been named the new national president of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. (State of Israel Bonds Organization of Canada), succeeding Thomas Hecht. Hecht announced the appointment at a board of directors meeting in Montreal.

Dobrin, 63, is the chairman of the board of Steinberg Inc., and is a member of the board of the Montreal Trust Co. He is also a director of several Steinberg Inc. subsidiaries, including Ivanhoe Inc., Smitty's Super Value Inc., and Multi Restaurants Inc.

Within the Jewish community, Dobrin serves as a governor of the international board of the Weizmann Institute of Science, and is vice-president of its Canadian chapter. As well, he is chairman of the YM-YWHA Foundation, a governor of the Miriam Home Foundation and of the Jewish Public Library, and a heritage governor of the United Talmud Torahs.

Dobrin is also a governor of the Montreal General Hospital and of the Institute for Medical research of the Jewish General Hospital, and is a director of the Quebec Region of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

He is also associated with other charitable, cultural and community-oriented endeavors, including the Montreal Heart Institute Research Fund, the Maisonneuve Rosemount Hospital, the Douglas Hospital, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and the Boy Scouts of Canada.

Dobrin said that as president, he looked forward to an "exciting" 1987 campaign season that would "continue to sustain Israel's quest for economic growth."

With Dobrin's assumption of the presidency, Hecht became Bonds' chairman of the board, succeeding Rubin Zimmerman, who will be coordinating Canadian Bond activities in Israel.

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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: When honest citizens of one country become captives of another country, is it a mitzvah to redeem those captives? Faye Goldman, Toronto.

Rabbi Burak

As I read the American and Canadian press, I get the feeling that securing their freedom is of little consequence. All kinds of laws stand in the way of doing that which must be done to bring the captives home. But, as I read the Talmud I get a different view.

In Tractate Baba Bathra, 8B, we are told that "the redemption of captives is a mitzvah rabba, a religious duty of great importance." This statement did not get by unchallenged, and we find Raba asking Rabbah bar Mari for the source from which we derive this principle.

Rabbah bar Mari replied that we get the picture from these verses in Jeremiah, Chapter 15:2: "And it shall come to pass when they say unto thee Whither shall we go forth? Then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the Lord, Such as are for the sword, to the sword, and such as are for the famine to the famine, and such as are for captivity, to captivity."

Just in case anyone failed to get the picture, Rab Yohanan explained: "Each punishment mentioned in this verse is more severe than the one before. The sword is worse than death. Famine is harder than the sword (as it says in Lamentations, Chapter 4:9) 'They that are slain by the sword are better than they that are slain by hunger.' Captivity is harder than all, because it contains all of them."

In our times, when cruelty has become a science, the position of the captive is worse than death, and every effort must be made to extricate him. No price is too high to pay to get him out, that's the Talmudic view of the sages who placed human lives even before their own institutions.

Is anything more important to a rabbi than the synagogue? You wouldn't think so. But the rabbis of the Talmud were prepared to place the mitzvah of redeeming a captive above the synagogue. Here is the way it is stated, a few pages earlier, in the same gemarra:

Rav Hisda ruled, in Baba Bathra, 3B: "A synagogue should not be demolished before another has been built to take its place," as otherwise the new synagogue may never get built after the old one is destroyed.

The Talmud continues the discussion on this principle, and Rabina asks Rab Ashi this question: "Suppose money for the new synagogue has already been collected and is ready for use, is there still a risk (that the building of the new synagogue may not take place)?"

He replied: "They may be called upon to redeem captives, and use it (the money) for that purpose." Thus the redemption of captives takes precedence over the building of a new synagogue. The rule remains that one may not destroy the old synagogue building before the new one is built.

When we are told in Numbers 21:1 that the king of Arad fought against Israel "and took some of them captive." Rashi states that they captured "only one servant girl." And Israel fought, and gained her freedom.

But, before that, there are other steps to be taken. When Joseph was holding Benjamin as prisoner, Judah drew close to Joseph to talk to him, as we read in Genesis, Chapter 44:18. Midrash Genesis Rabba, 93:6 states that Judah was prepared for prayer, conciliation and war. Rashi gives us another look: "for conciliation, a gift, or battle."

Countries have gone to war over injury to one man, as in the Don Pacifico case which Palmerston defended with his famous 'Civis Romanus Sum' oration, which kept him in power through its emotional appeal that a British subject must be safe anywhere in the world.

But, we live in a world where no one is safe.

Iran complicates negotiations

Reagan, Shamir face hard agenda

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who met Feb. 17 at the White House on the second day of the Israel's leader's 3-day official visit here, face a long and difficult agenda of bilateral and regional issues.

Their meeting is the first since November, 1983, and comes four months after Shamir returned to head the national unity government. How the White House will regard him in view of the complications that have arisen since October when Shimon Peres left the Prime Minister's office may well depend on American Jewish communal reaction to Shamir.

Shamir has held to the customary Likud position of the need for Israeli control of the administered territories and has opposed the Peres' view for an international conference to settle Arab-Israeli problems.

Since mid-October, however, when Peres and Shamir exchanged posts, the U.S.-Israeli relationship has entered a strange phase with the exposure of the Iran-Contra developments and the violence in Lebanon where six Americans are still held hostage.

From Israel's standpoint, the major difficulty it faces are the continuing economic strains. While the U.S. emergency assistance of $1.5 billion spread over the past two fiscal years has helped stem Israel's annual inflation rate to 20%, it continues to require expansion of industry and widening of its markets for exports.

One important facet of U.S. support would be, it is indicated here, extension of backing for Israel's completion of the Lavi project. While the Israeli-designed fighter plane has flown successfully in its first test, the Pentagon is opposing the project.

Meanwhile, the sale of U.S. weapons to Iran is being highlighted in the media with the White House having released documents contending Israelis originated the controversial plan.

The documents are the latest of a series of statements, covert and otherwise, from administration officials seeking to put the initiative on Israelis for the scandal that has engulfed many in the White House. Jerusalem has acknowledged the transfer of weapons to Iran as a matter of friendship and alliance with the United States but has denied that Israelis had anything to do with alleged diversion of funds from the sale to the Contras in Central America.

Besides these problems, the "peace process" is looming for the two leaders. Richard Murphy, the assistant secretary of state, has been on a tour of the region to restore momentum while heightened demands are continuing from Arab states for an international conference and a Palestinian state. Their demands have increased in intensity, it is said, to extract a high price from Washington to regain "credibility" with them because of the covert transfer of weapons to Iran.

After meeting with Murphy, Shamir was reported to have proposed a summit meeting with Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Shamir also offered to meet "face to face" with Hussein in a broadcast on Israel television. "We must decide that there is no alternative to direct talks," Shamir said.

Lebanon's tragedy forms another subject of high importance. Reports indicate that Lebanon's Christian leadership, including President Amin Gemayel, have aided Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization forces to return to Lebanon and that the Christian militia is supporting the Arafat gunmen despite the history of intense bitterness between them.

Some 6,000 PLO members are said to have come back, mainly via Cyprus, to Lebanon from which they were forced to leave as a result of the Israeli incursion in 1982.

While not of top importance to the U.S.-Israeli summit meeting, lurking in the background is the case of confessed spy Jonathan Jay Pollard and his wife Anne Henderson-Pollard. They are scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 10, eight days before the White House session.

The matter, therefore, will be fresh in the minds of the people Shamir will be meeting here, including members of both houses of Congress.

Australian Jews urged to exercise caution

SYDNEY, Australia —

The Australian Jewish community has been urged to tread carefully in the wake of the Menzies Review, which urged the government to take action against Nazi war criminals here.

According to reports in the Australian Jewish Times, Liberal Senator Peter Baume said the way the Jewish community conducts itself will be very significant.

"If we're not careful, we could be victims of more hatred," he said.

Speaking at a meeting of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, Baume said the Menzies Report "put the problem right back in our hands.

"The major danger for the Jewish community is if it moves prematurely, before the evidence is assembled," he said.

In a recent report to the government, former civil servant Andrew Menzies found "a significant number" of potential war criminals living in Australia, and he recommended several courses of action to deal with them, including deportation, creation of a special investigative unit and changes to Australian law (CJN Dec. 18).

Commenting on the repercussions of the Menzies Report, Baume said "If the government adopts Menzies' recommendations, it may not be necessary for us to accelerate the pace. However, it will be very difficult to gather evidence.

Turning to the role of the Jewish community, Baume said "the difficulty facing the leadership is to work out how to proceed so as not to cause damage while pressing for the review's implementation.

He urged the community to give the government support and "let things unfold."

Meanwhile, Leslie Caplan, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, said "It's pleasing to see Menzies had no difficulty dealing with the 40-year time lapse. I believe the government will also have no difficulty with that."

(Baume said it had taken 40 years for the issue to surface because during the Cold War years of the early 1950s a non-critical McCarthyist approach prevailed: "If someone was an anti-Communist, that person was OK.")

Caplan said he had no doubt the list of 70 people the report said warranted further investigation would grow, but only a small percentage of that number would be prosecuted.

Turning to the controversial issue of use of evidence from the Soviet Union, Caplan said Eastern European communities in Australia hesitate to accept it. The Jewish community also has reservations about Soviet evidence, he said, adding that Menzies said Australian courts would ultimately rule on the evidence.

"If it stands the test of Australian courts then it will be admitted and then no one will have a complaint."

Caplan said the Menzies Report was not creating anti-semitism, it was merely giving anti-semites here "a run" which they would not get away with.

More resignations at Bank Leumi

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The board of directors of Bank Leumi resigned last week and Leon Dulzin, governor of the bank, though not a director, said he, too, would resign within a month, as soon as a new board has been named and is in place.

Dulzin made his announcement after appearing before the Knesset finance committee, which demanded that he quit as head of the holding company which controls 75% of Bank Leumi's voting stock.

The Bank Leumi crisis erupted three weeks ago with the disclosure that its former chairman and chief executive officer, Ernest Japhet, was given $4.5 million in severance pay and a $30,000 a month pension when he was forced to resign last spring after being implicated in the 1983 bank shares scandal.

Eli Hurwitz, who replaced Japhet and served without compensation, announced his resignation last week and said all other board members have submitted their resignations. He said they would remain as a caretaker board until the new directors are appointed. Hurwitz insisted that the bank, Israel's largest, is sound.

Dulzin, who is chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, represents the majority stockholders in Bank Leumi in his capacity as head of the holding company, Otzar Hityashvut Hayehudim (Jewish Colonial Trust). He told the finance committee he would quit that post and "my job (with Bank Leumi) will then be over."

He said that before he leaves he would make arrangements for tighter control of the bank by the holding company.

Yerida survey alarms

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The absorption ministry has released figures indicating that 19% of Israelis in the 18-29 age group are likely to emigrate. The tendency toward yerida dropped to 9% in the 30-49 age group, but overall the propensity of Israelis to leave the country is alarming.

Yossi Kochik, who heads the ministry's department for the prevention of yerida said he is initiating a new project to encourage yordim — Israelis living permanently abroad — to return home in time for Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations in 1988. He said the project would focus on finding them appropriate jobs.

A recent survey indicated that 92% of the public believes yerida is harmful.

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Israel dissociates itself from critics of trip

O'Connor angered by criticisms of his conduct

NEW YORK (JTA) — John Cardinal O'Connor was taken aback last week and visibly angered by a statement sharply critical of his conduct and remarks during his visit to Israel and Jordan recently.

The statement, which expressed disquiet and distress about some of his remarks, was signed by the leaders of 51 major American Jewish groups, including community, rabbinical, Zionist and fund raising organizations.

The statement was originally signed by 53 organizations, but the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Agudath Israel of America later withdrew their names from it.

O'Connor, the archbishop of New York, told reporters after conducting Sunday mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, that he feared the "fruits" of his trip and his meetings afterwards at the Vatican could be "destroyed" by the response of the Jewish organizations.

He expressed "deep, deep disappointment" at the statement. "I hope there is nothing in that statement that will make it more difficult than it has been for me in trying to support the Jewish cause," he said.

He described his trip to the Middle East as the most difficult he ever made, one that involved "great personal and professional risk." He went to Israel "in good faith," the cardinal said.

The trip was fraught with controversy and embarrassment. The cardinal was forced to cancel appointments he had made with Israeli leaders because Vatican policy, which does not recognize the status of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, forbade him to meet with them at their offices in Jerusalem.

He did meet, however, with President Chaim Herzog at the presidential residence in Jerusalem and with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at the latter's home. The cardinal apologized profusely during his trip for any offence he might have given the Israeli people and their leaders and faulted himself for failing to recognize the ramifications of the constraints placed upon his movements by Vatican policy.

The Jewish leaders said in their statement that they were "disquieted and distressed" by remarks made by O'Connor sympathetic to the Palestinians. They deplored the Vatican's failure to extend de jure diplomatic recognition to Israel and "to come to terms with the reality of a unified Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

Finally, they "found disturbing and painful" O'Connor's comment at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem that the Holocaust "may be an enormous gift that Judaism has given the world."

John Cardinal O'Connor of New York shakes hands with Israeli President Chaim Herzog at the President's home in Jerusalem. [RNS photo]

O'Connor was particularly stung by the latter criticism. He said he meant it as "an enormous compliment to the Jewish people . . . If this is considered demeaning to the Holocaust, then it demeans my entire theology because mine is a theology of suffering," he said.

He also said that the compassion he expressed when visiting a Palestinian refugee camp in Gaza was not meant as an indictment of Israel. "I said repeatedly that this was not to be blamed on Israel," the cardinal declared, adding that the blame rests on the entire Middle East. Both Arabs and Jews are "involved and responsible."

Nathan Perlmutter, ADL director, said he disagreed with the criticism of O'Connor's remark upon visiting Yad Vashem.

Perlmutter said they were misinterpreted. "He spoke out of Christian love and we heard it out of Jewish pain. The cardinal was talking in Christian terms and we did not feel that he should be criticized for it;" he said.

In Catholic theology, O'Connor's defenders noted, suffering is revered as an experience which brings one closer to the Almighty.

Perlmutter also said he preferred not to air the criticisms in a public forum. "Public lecturing rarely changes anyone's mind," he said.

ADL also decided to withdraw its name from the statement after learning it would be issued before O'Connor would have a chance to see it. The statement was released hours before O'Connor returned to New York at the conclusion of his trip.

A spokesman of Agudath Israel, Rabbi Yitzhak Brandriss, said his organization informed O'Connor that they had never authorized the use of their name on the statement.

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Meanwhile, the Israel government dissociated itself from the statement by the Jewish leaders. Barukh Binah, press spokesman for the Israel consulate in New York said: "It was an American response and not an Israeli response.

The statement acknowledged that the cardinal has been an outspoken foe of anti-semitism and a strong supporter of Jewish causes, particularly the struggle of Soviet Jews for civil rights and the right to emigrate.

O'Connor, however, saw the statement as a whole as amounting "to a unilateral censure, which I do not appreciate and which makes it difficult for me to move farther toward peace. Serious damage could be done if this line is pursued," he said.

Ironically, O'Connor sent flowers to Israel's consul-general in New York, Moshe Yegar, thanking the Israeli official for having helped arrange his trip to Israel. The Archbishop sent the flowers upon his arrival in Rome through his New York office. A handwritten letter by O'Connor accompanied the flowers sent "in gratitude for your wonderful assistance" in arranging the Israel visit.

Yegar was instrumental in arranging the details of the cardinal's trip from the beginning. According to an Israeli official here, O'Connor's aides kept Yegar regularly informed throughout the cardinal's stay in the Mideast.

"The flowers and the letter to Yegar are a clear sign that the cardinal came out from his visit to Israel with a good feeling," the Israeli official said.

The way they were...Sara and Rafael Adler 40 years ago, in this picture kept by Montreal cousin Haja Rapkowski.

CJN book review puts relatives back in touch

MONTREAL — A Montreal woman who has not seen a cousin in Poland since the beginning of World War II has been put in touch with her relative after recognizing her in a photograph on a book cover.

Haja Rapkowski, 67, recognized her now aged cousin, Sara Ader, and her husband Rafael on the jacket of the recently published Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland which was reproduced with a review in The Canadian Jewish News, according to the book's publisher Friendly Press of New York.

Rapkowski compared that recent photo to one she keeps on her bedroom dresser which was taken at the couple's wedding some 40 years ago. Rapkowski, who is spending the winter in Florida, fled Poland for Russia at the start of the war in 1939, while her cousin, now in her 70s, remained in Poland, said Rapkowski's son, Jack.

All of Rapkowski's immediate family perished in the Holocaust, except her father who died a couple of years ago.

Rapkowski immediately contacted Jewish Immigrant Aid Services to obtain her cousin's address. Her son said his mother had been sending parcels to her cousin until five or six years ago and then suddenly they stopped getting through. "The cousin just seemed to disappear."

JIAS in turn contacted the publishers who found out from the book's Polish author, journalist Malgorzata Niezabitowska, that Sara Ader now lives in Wlodwa, Poland. There was some bad news as well; Rafael Ader had died a few weeks earlier, leaving Sara, who is not in robust health, alone.

Rapkowski, wo worked as a fur finisher in Montreal for many years, has been a widow herself for 16 years. Her son said Friendly Press offered to send his mother to Poland to be reunited with her cousin, but she does not want to return to that country. Now that she has her cousin's address, his mother may invite Sara to Montreal, he said.

Sara Ader should be equally elated by the resumed contact with her cousin in Montreal. She is quoted in the book as saying of her life in the small Polish town: "We live here entirely alone. For whole months, nobody comes to see us except the lady from public welfare."

Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland, published in October, is an illustrated book about the few remaining Jews in that country. In 1939, there were 3.5 million Jews in Poland; today, there are less than 5,000, and most of them are elderly.

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World-National

Alexander Ioffe suffering from headaches

Hunger strike taking its toll on Refusenik

By
WENDY ROSEN

Described as being intelligent, intense and singular minded especially with regard to emigration, he has told MP Bill Attewell that his fast will last until his son and his family are released.

Refusenik Alexander Ioffe's hunger strike (CJN Jan 15)has begun to affect his health.

In a telephone call with Martin Penn, director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Montreal, the 48-year-old mathematician said he "feels a little weaker."

Others who have spoken to him recently report that he is suffering from headaches.

Ioffe's strike, in the wake of his son Dimitry's refusal of an exit visa for himself and his wife and baby daughter, is to challenge the real intent of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new open policy and the USSR's new emigration laws which came into effect Jan. 1.

Although Ioffe has been described by two Canadians who recently visited with him as not having much weight to lose, it is not known how much weight he has lost.

Canadian support

Various Canadian individuals and organizations have rallied behind Ioffe, a Refusenik for 10 years, in a show of solidarity.

In Vancouver, the CJN's correspondent David Pierson reports that Mayor Gordon Campbell phoned Ioffe to lend his support to the campaign.

Ronnie Tessler, spokesman, for the Vancouver Action Committee for Soviet Jewry, said Campbell spoke to Ioffe for four or five minutes. He asked the mayor to write a letter to the mayor of Moscow expressing his support.

Tessler said it was obvious Ioffe's calls are being monitored by Soviet authorities but "barring his phone being cut off we'll keep calling."

In Montreal, the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, Group of 35, contacted Ioffe on the sixth day of his hunger strike and report that he sounded encouraged and appreciative of the support that Canadians have shown him.

The CJC's Penn called upon the Soviet Union to release Ioffe and the thousands of other Soviet Jews denied the right to leave the USSR.

"Canadians will watch Prof. Alexander Ioffe and family to judge the Soviet Union's record on human rights in 1987. If Gorbachev would have us believe that we are in a new period of Soviet respect for individual rights, he must allow Dr. Ioffe and his family to leave the USSR.

"His 10 years in refusal and his struggle for basic rights bear witness to the difficulties for Soviet Jews," Penn said.

Dr. Phil Gold, who works with Dr. Gerald Batist lobbying for the release of cancer patients, said: "Be assured that although we can be with you only in spirit, your Canadian colleagues support your efforts. The cause for which you fight is just in the eyes of all just men.

"Words are much easier than deeds but we are prepared to help in anyway possible to see you, and so many others of your countrymen, achieve your goals."

Morton Bessner, chairman of the CJC's Quebec Region, also called upon the Soviets to grant exit visas to Ioffe and his family "in accordance with civilized norms of behavior and international law.

"Dr. Ioffe's hunger strike represents 10 years of frustration."

Carl Laxer, president of Allied Jewish Community Services, condemned the Soviet's contined denial of exit visas.

"We will judge the USSR on the case."

CJC president Dorothy Reitman also expressed solidarity with Ioffe's plight.

In a letter to Gorbachev, Ioffe said the refusal to his son "is sort of hostage-taking and a punishment for our continuing activity undertaken personally or with friends in order to get permission to leave for Israel.

"I cannot reconcile myself to all this....I love my son and agree that he is doomed to lose his best years because that is convenient for one or another bureaucratic department.

Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, speaks to Alex Ioffe, a Refusenik on a hunger strike. Others standing are (from left) Goldie Hershon and Marcia Shuster, of the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry-Group of 35; Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose; and Martin Penn, director of the Soviet Jewry committee.

Matas asks Canada to help Soviet Jewish family get visa

MONTREAL —

Winnipeg lawyer and human rights advocate Davis Matas has asked Canada to intercede on behalf of a Soviet Jewish family which has repeatedly been refused an exit visa to Israel, despite the fact that their son and brother have invited them.

Matas sent a letter to Ambassador William Bauer, head of the Canadian delegation at the Helsinki Accords review conference in Vienna, asking that he raise the case of the Vaitzblit family with the Soviet delegation.

Matas is co-chairman of the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, with McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler.

Although Israel is not a signatory of the 1975 accords, Matas believes this case is relevant to the conference. The signatory states are reviewing each other's implementation of the accords, which include an agreement that families should be permitted to emigrate for the purpose of reunification.

Ilya and Inna Vaitzblit of Moscow and their son Eugeny have been separated from another other son and brother, Alexander Gonorovsky, who lives in Rehovot, Israel, since November, 1978. Since 1973, the Vaitzblits have applied every six months for a visa to leave the Soviet Union to join other relatives in Israel.

When Alexander was permitted to go to Israel, he left with the hope his parents and brother would soon follow, according to his Israeli lawyer David Schonberg. (Gonorovsky is the mother's maiden name.)

The reason given by the Soviet authorities for the repeated refusal has been that Ilya Vaitzblit had access to classified material — a claim Schonberg rejects. The lawyer says the elder Vaitzblit worked as a radio electronics engineer until his retirement due to illness in 1973.

Vaitzblit has suffered since 1966 from multiple sclerosis, and is described today as a dying man. Schonberg said he is "nearly deaf and almost completely blind. He is paralysed, can hardly speak and he cannot attend to his needs.

"I have been informed by specialists that even his present severe condition could deteriorate if he was subjected to stress and anxiety. The best prognosis gives him a short time to live."

Matas said Gonorovsky, whom he met in Vienna, asked for assistance in being reunited with his family.

"The family reunification to which the participatory states are committed by the Helsinki accords is not just reunification of families that live, separated, in two different signatory countries.

"Family reunification covered by the accords includes families that live, separated, in a signatory country and a non-signatory country."

Israeli pilot puts the Lavi through paces for second time

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The first prototype of the Lavi jet fighter had its second test flight recently, when Israel Aircraft Industry's chief test pilot, Menahem Shmul, took it up to 20,000 feet at 300 knots for a 45-minute flight — twice as long as its maiden flight several weeks ago.

The first flight had been at half that speed, with wheels down all the way. Shmul retracted the undercarriage in further tests of the new Israeli-designed controversial craft.

While prototype number 1 was in the air, number 2 was undergoing ground tests on the IAI construction hanger apron.

The second plane is due to go up on its maiden flight in a few months.

Each of the five prototypes being built is slightly different from the others, to test various components and combinations of components.

Air Force Commander Maj.-Gen. Amos Lapidot, in an interview with Yediot Aharonot, said that he likes the Lavi, but the Air Force could live without it.

He said that Israel would have to finance the Lavi project or stop it altogether.

He added that if the government believed the Lavi should be a national project, then sums from outside the defence budget would have to be found.

The Name Game

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In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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PIFKO — PIVNICK

Here are two names that have loomed large in Toronto Jewish life. Larry Pifko and his father before him were pillars in the Jewish community. Edwin Pivnick was the reeve of Forest Hill Village. His uncle Dr. Morris (Moishe) was highly regarded as the prolific editor of a B'nai B'rith publication.

I once teased Moishe that if a nudnik is a person who speaks a lot, a pivnick must be a person who writes a lot. My apologies, Moishe.

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By
DAVID BIRKAN

Gold was discovered in Sutter's Mill, Calif., on Jan. 24, 1848. On its heels tailor Levi Strauss originated the American blue jean, the garment that continues to revolutionize clothing and related social patterns around the world.

Dress has been an interest of Judaism from the time the Torah described Adam's donning of the world's first garment in the Garden of Eden. The striped robe Jacob made for son Joseph propelled the Jews into dazzling Egypt — the heart of world civilization — and onto the stage of world history.

That the Jews kept their own distinctive dress while in Egypt is cited by a midrash as one of the three virtues that earned them liberation. The priestly garments, meticulously specified to underscore their bearers' responsibility to God and man, helped comprise the pride of the Temple service and are an integral part of the nation's hopes for its restoration; they also formed the model for nearly 2,000 years of Christian clerical garb. The tallit has been worn by Jews continuously since biblical times.

In every age, Jews have been distinguished by their dress, from the purple-striped tunics of old Persia and the long black gowns of medieval Spain to the frocks of chassidim and the faded slacks and white shirts of Israel's past and present pioneers. Associated with these have been distinctions in headwear, from those as obvious as a shtreimel (chassidic fur dress hat) to the subtleties among kippot. On frequent occasion, outside authorities of ill intent have enforced dress distinctions among Jews where these were lacking.

Gold rush

Jews correspondingly developed unsurpassed expertise as cutters, dyers, leather workers, furriers, tailors, and clothiers. Such skills, whether handed down from father to son or learned in the press of the circumstances, were the resort of many in the waves of 19th century emigration from Europe.

At 19, Levi Strauss, a registry clerk in Bad Ocheim, Bavaria, followed his two brothers from a revolution-torn Europe to New York in 1848. For two years, he tried to make a go of it in the then slump-ridden metropolis. California's gold rush and accompanying boom offered more exciting prospects. Strauss boarded a clipper for the long sail around Cape Horn to Sacramento. He set up a drygoods business, intending to supply the ever increasing number of miners with tents.

Wool and cotton pants of the time, he discovered, were the miners' bane, unable to withstand the rigors of prospecting. As an experiment, he had a tailor sew together several pairs with the denim he had in stock, with copper rivets for added reinforcement. They were snapped out of his hands. An industry was born in the space of a day: Word of these Levis, as they were dubbed, spread as quickly among the miners as news of a new lode.

Strauss hired all the local tailors in an effort to keep up with demand. Soon farmers, railway workers, lumberjacks, and stagecoach drivers flocked to San Francisco to buy his durable pants.

Strauss, a bachelor, expanded as a family business, bringing his brothers, his brother-in-law and finally the latter's four children, into partnership in Levi Strauss & Co. Strauss became a multimillionaire and a pillar of the area's business community. He endowed the local university and Jewish, Protestant and Catholic orphanages; his heirs continued in his philanthropy.

Became symbols

Levis joined the Colt 45 and the Stetson hat as symbols of U.S. pioneering in the West. They spread to workers and school children eastward and then up the social scale, to become the recreational and occassionally professional garb of all levels of employees and entrepreneurs. They spawned a host of imitations ranging the gamut of fashion.

Levis hopped the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Iron Curtain. They have come to symbolize the essence of informality, style and practicality, and implicitly the brotherhood of man.

In tribute, all personnel in the company's U.S. headquarters, from president down, wear their jeans to the office every Friday.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO

Conference will mark 70th year

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is starting its 70th anniversary year by looking to the future, rather than back at the past, by holding its 1st national conference for "Aviv" (under 45) members.

Called "Women in Motion," the conference is designed to "inspire the participants, give them a good feeling about Hadassah-WIZO and about being volunteers," according to Taube Zeifman, conference chairman.

Aviv, which means spring in Hebrew, has been designated as the name for councils of younger members for numerous other WIZO federations around the world. Where the Canadian group differs from the others is that, here, Aviv members are not segregated, they are part of the whole. In the other organizations, Aviv is an individual entity through which members move up to the major group as they pass the age of 45.

Mrs. Zeifman confessed that she at first resisted the idea of the conference, feeling that it would be the first step to separation. She said she realizes now that its purpose of gathering together younger women with the same ideas, ideals and goals to meet with their peers from across the country is a good one.

Joined as bride

Only 41 herself, she is currently vice-president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, a member of the national executive and slated to become the next Toronto president. She joined the organization 18 years ago when, as a new bride, she had moved from Montreal to Toronto and sought new friends. That her mother had been employed by the national office in Montreal was coincidental with her joining, she added.

The conference will take place from Friday evening, Jan. 30 through Sunday afternoon, Feb. 1 at the Prince Hotel. It was specifically arranged over a weekend to accommodate both the working women and mothers who have to arrange for care of their children. Close to 100 reservations have already been received and more are expected.

Zeifman added that when she was preparing the invitation list, she was "pleasantly surprised" to see that over 3,000 members were eligible to attend. Debra Cooper, Toronto membership chairman, is Zeifman's vice-chairman for the conference.

Noted Jewish feminist Norma Joseph of Montreal will be the keynote speaker at the opening dinner. Her topic is that of the conference itself and will cover the strides made by women to date and those expected for the future.

Dr. Naomi Chazan of Jerusalem, an expert on Israeli policy, will address the group the following evening, providing them with a Middle East update.

Other sessions will cover such areas as stress management, goal setting, and political and economic power, to be presented by Ontario MPP Elinor Caplan, Canadian affairs, and Hadassah-WIZO itself.

Several of the participants, including Debra Cooper, attended one or more of three international Aviv conferences in Israel, which served as further inspiration for this event. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO supports numerous schools, children's villages, community and women's centres in Israel, which these women also visited. Some are expected to make personal presentations on their impressions of these projects.

Taube Zeifman

"By being involved in Canadian Hadassah-WIZO you are part of the largest women's organization in Canada," Zeifman stated. "You become part of a great Zionist organization and establish a close link with Israel for yourself. Above and beyond this is the opportunity to grow personally, to get involved in such areas of activity as public affairs, public speaking, organization of events, fund raising. This conference exemplifies all that Hadassah-WIZO has to offer."

A former teacher, Zeifman for a time taught communications development for management groups, but retired from the work force when she realized that her Hadassah-WIZO commitments were getting greater and were of greater interest to her.

She has moved up through the Toronto ranks to her present position and last year led a family tour to Israel with her husband and two children. It was a wonderful experience for all of them, she remembers, especially when they visited the Hadassah-WIZO schools as Hofim and Hadassim.

She urges everyone, especially members of the organization, to visit Israel as often as possible. In celebration of its 70th anniversary, Hadassah-WIZO's next convention, scheduled for November, will take place in Montreal for the first few days and in Israel for the balance. It is hoped they will fill a 747 with participants.

"The Aviv conference is a forward looking move within the organization," Zeifman concluded. Discussing this over lunch, she barely took time to eat as she enthused about the event, her large, dark eyes flashing and ever-ready smile always there. "We hope that these younger women who are so different from those of 70 years ago will appreciate how important Hadassah-WIZO can be to them.

"As a voluntary organization, we are rethinking what we expect of our members. We have to accept short-term commitments and the fact that many women may give us just a few years and then will want to go on to other things because of changes in their lives and their professions or careers. We must permit people with talent to move up quickly, without waiting the usual five or 10 years as was expected in the past. Hadassah-WIZO may be 70, but we think young."

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Editorial

A positive sign

We note with much interest a recent report in the Jerusalem Post that a 3-man delegation from Jordan's national airlines was in Jerusalem to discuss the possibility of the airline resuming its operations in the Israeli-administered territories.

As is the wont of Israeli spokesmen, the presence of the Jordanian delegation was hotly denied by officials of the transport ministry. The report, ironically enough, was confirmed by Palestinian sources.

According to the report, the Royal Jordanian Airlines (formerly called Alia) wants to negotiate with Israeli leaders about the possibility of arranging an air-shuttle service from East Jerusalem to Jordan.

The fact that Israel has not confirmed the meetings may be explained by Jerusalem's sound policy of conducting diplomacy with Arab governments quietly and without undue public scrutiny.

Whether it will succeed in bringing King Hussein across the river to Israel is a much more difficult question to answer.

Israel's readiness to deal with the Jordanians is a part of a new initiative being taken on the part of the government to adopt a "softer line" on the Palestinians — if we are to accept the comments in the same issue of the Jerusalem Post.

Benny Morris, the paper's diplomatic correspondent, indicates that the Israeli government intends to explore new ways of dialogue with the Palestinians. "While stress will be placed on Israel's struggle for peace, the new formulation of Israel's position will include recognition of 'the legitimate rights' of the Palestinians; recognition of the existence of a 'Palestinian people' and readiness to participate in, or cooperate with an international forum for Middle East peace."

The forward momentum being observed now between Israel and Jordan and potentially between Israel and the Palestinians is — a good sign.

Nazism on film

The National Center for Jewish Film has just concluded an agreement with the Bundesarchiv (the official West German film archive facility) that will bring Nazi propaganda films to the United States.

News of the agreement appears in Film Comment, a New York City monthly magazine devoted to the film arts.

According to Daniel M. Kimmel, the NCJF wants the Nazi movies in order to use them for academic purposes. The films will be given English subtitles and then circulated to specific groups.

Use of these anti-semitic films is defended by no less a scholar than Terrence Des Pres, author of an acclaimed study of the Holocaust called *The Survivor; An Anatomy of Life in the Death Camps*.

Des Pres feels that showing films will be useful in analyzing the way in which the Nazis deployed the film talents of their greatest directors, actors and producers. Des Pres says that the available Nazi films such as Riefenstahl's *Triumph of the Will* (about the 1936 Berlin Olympics) "do not begin to explain how the Nazis used film to reinforce prejudices against Jews and other groups."

The NCJF will be dealing first with perhaps the most malignant film produced in Nazi Germany — *Der Ewige Jude, The Eternal Jew*. The film is an amalgam of all the classical anti-semitic canards. But its professional level and excellence of cinematographic composition explain why it was so potent a force in the Nazis' propaganda campaign against Jews.

Some legitimate concern has been expressed about the possibility that some of the anti-semitic films under consideration might fall into the wrong hands.

The agreement with the West German film archive stipulates, however, that the films can be used only by individuals and groups who sign a declaration confirming the purpose of its use. The Center has decided moreover, that the films "will not be distributed to uninformed audiences unless the distortions they contain have been neutralized by the addition of factual data."

The distribution of the films in question, under appropriate circumstances, should help students of the Holocaust grasp better the depravity of Nazism.

Ugly anti-semitic overtones

U.S. racism shows its strength

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The recent slaying of a Black man by white racists in the Howard Beach neighborhood of Queens, NY, set off an unpleasant exchange with ugly anti-semitic overtones.

The incident illustrates the thesis that, for all its liberal and progressive facets, racism and anti-semitism are buried deep within the bedrock of American society.

After the murder of Michael Griffith by a gang of local white youths, the mayor of New York City, Edward Koch, commented in a nationally televised interview, "I'd expect this kind of thing to happen in the deep South."

Koch, the city's second Jewish mayor, was not the only one who felt personally violated by the brutal murder — a throwback to the bad old days of American race relations. Editorialists, lay and religious leaders, as well as politicians, condemned it.

But the mayors of five Mississippi towns reacted differently, telling an Associated Press reporter in Jackson, the capital, that Koch had smeared the South and that he was welcome to visit the state once regarded as the last bastion of segregation in the U.S.

One of the mayors, W.W. Godbold of Brookhaven, went further by calling Koch a "Jew bastard." As he put it to a reporter from The Clarion-Ledger of Jackson: "That Jew bastard. I believe Jews like him who get into this office don't know the hell what they are talking about. It opens up wounds when he persists that the South has problems like that. Especially when he has murders up there every minute and he compares New York to Mississippi."

The usual feisty Koch was uncharacteristically docile in his reply. In a letter to Godbold, he said he hoped the mayor had been "misquoted" by the reporter and indicated he intended to "turn the other cheek."

The New York Times tried to verify the accuracy of the quotation, but was unable to reach Godbold. However, The Clarion-Ledger reporter who wrote the story said Godbold had spoken for the record and was quoted accurately.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reporter who originally interviewed the Mississippi mayors wrote in a follow-up story that, while Godbold had not retracted his remarks, he had not meant to slur all Jews.

"I have some very good friends who are Jewish," he explained, resorting to a hackneyed rationale. "I was saying it to Mr. Koch only, to him personally, in reply to what he said about the deep South."

THE OLDEST SYNAGOGUE

Archeologists have begun the arduous, time-consuming task of excavating what may prove to be the oldest remains of a synagogue in Europe.

Complete excavation of the site, in a remote coastal area of southern Italy near Bova Marina, is likely to take several years. Elena Lattanzi, superintendent for archeology in the Calabria region, hopes to restore the fragile stone foundation walls and the floor mosaic with a depiction of a menorah before proceeding with further digging.

The ruins, which are expected to produce much new information on poorly documented aspects of Diaspora history, are described as "a rare find of very great importance" by the Chief Rabbi of Italy, Elio Toaff.

Toaff says they could "dramatically increase" knowledge of the Jewish community under the Roman Empire.

Lying amid lemon orchards, the site was discovered accidentally by road construction workers four years ago, and was presumed to be an ordinary Roman settlement until the mosaic floor was found, badly damaged, just below the ground surface.

Rabbi Toaff believes that the synagogue was part of a Jewish agricultural or commercial colony built around the middle of the 4th century AD, just as the Roman Empire was falling into decay.

Before the latest discovery, only one other synagogue building of the classical era has been uncovered in Europe, and that was in Ostia Antica, Rome's old seaport.

Lattanzi speculates that, while the Ostia Antica synagogue served a fairly big community, the Bova Marina synagogue catered to a rural population.

IRISH STAMP

Ireland has issued a postage stamp commemorating Arthur Griffith, a prominent figure in Irish politics.

His accomplishments on behalf of Irish independence notwithstanding, Griffith played a demeaning role in a sordid affair at the turn of the last century.

In 1904, Father John Creagh, a Catholic priest, attacked the Jews of Limerick from his pulpit. Creagh's anti-semitic salvo resulted in an economic boycott which led to the precipitous decline of the Jewish community there. Griffith lent his support to Creagh. Writing in the United Irishman, he said: "Protest against the usuriousness and notoriously dishonest business methods of three-fourths of the Jews of Ireland... no thoughtful Irishman... can view without apprehension the continuous influx of Jews into Ireland."

This was not the first time Griffith had vented his anti-semitism. In an earlier tirade, the Jewish Chronicle of London says, he described the Jews of London's Whitechapel district as "wild savage filthy forms from the Yiddish ghetto..."

HAUNTING PHOTOGRAPHS

Roman Vishniac was a photographer par excellence, a prescient man to whom we must give thanks.

Living in Germany after the triumph of Nazism, Vishniac decided to embark on a project whose future importance not even he could have realized.

Convinced that the destruction of European Jewry was at hand, he took it upon himself to photograph the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe before the hammer of Nazism came crashing down on their heads.

Colleagues were unprepared to join Vishniac. Indeed, they warned him against doing it. A man with a camera was always suspected of being a spy, and the majority of Jews had no desire to be photographed.

Vishniac used a hidden camera to record the Jews he encountered in his travels. All but 2,000 of the 16,000 photographs he took were confiscated, and presumably destroyed, by the authorities.

The photos that appear in *A Vanished World (Collins, $29.95)* constitute merely 10% of those in his possession at the end of World War II. Be that as it may, they are priceless. As he says in the preface, they enable a reader "to envision a time and place that are worthy of remembrance."

Now available in a paperback edition, *A Vanished World* (first published several years ago) is a poignant testament to the shtetl and to all those Jews, whether religious or not, who peer out dimly from its pages.

The candid camera was Vishniac's modus operandi. Here you see a bearded Jew clad in a caftan or a boy peddling bagels, and there you see a grizzled, kindly shoemaker or a farmer tending his geese. It is heartbreaking to think that virtually all these people perished in the Holocaust.

A Vanished World is a valuable historical document. Elie Wiesel, in the foreword, probably puts it best: "Vishniac evokes with sorrow and with love this picturesque and fascinating Jewish world he has seen engulfed by fire and darkness."

A Jewish farmer in Czechoslovakia tends to his geese, circa 1930s.

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Opinion

Wolf legacy: end to restrictive property clauses

By
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Bernard (Pinchas Baer) Wolf, who died recently in London, Ont. full in years at 96, was not only that Jewish community's oldest member but also its most distinguished. In addition, he had a claim to fame beyond that of his local community — one for which Canadians as a whole owed him gratitude. This was his personal participation in putting an end to the shame of the racial restrictive covenant.

What is — or happily and more correctly speaking — was, the racial restrictive covenant? Not so long ago it was fairly common in parts of Ontario and throughout Canada. It was a codicil or clause inserted into property deeds that stated the land of property may not be sold or rented to, purchased by or used by members of a given racial or religious or ethnic group. In many, if not most of these, Jews were specifically named as a group.

One particularly offensive covenant, owned by none other than a MP, the late Joseph Murphy of Lambton, laid down certain longitudes and latitudes in Europe. Persons whose ancestors stemmed from east or south of these measurements to the third generation (shades of the Nuremberg Laws!) were in the forbidden category. But Jews could not escape even in the third generation: their status was irremediable and they were barred whatever their generation or geographic origin. That a "representative of the people" could have the face to maintain such a clause in his property documents and not be embarrassed to face his constituents will give some indication of the climate of opinion that prevailed in Ontario in those days.

Bernard Wolf, a successful retailer in London, had purchased a summer home in Grand Bend, Ont., from Annie Maud Noble. The year was 1948. In searching the title he came across a covenant barring Jews from the purchase. He and the vendor, Mrs. Noble, were anxious to get this unpleasant clause cleared up. Was it legal? Could it be used to invalidate the sale? Could it be challenged?

The answer seemed fairly clear. Only three years before, in 1945, Mr. Justice Keiller Mackay had in *re Drummond Wren* delivered what was considered an historic judgment — that such covenants were void on the grounds of public policy — they were in violation of Canada's sense of public morality and were in breach of the recent promulgated United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights.

It would, therefore, be a mere matter of judicial routine to confirm Keiler Mackay's judgment and declare the covenant void. At that point Bernard Wolf was not planning to be champion for a cause — that came later.

When the matter was put to Mr. Justice Walter Schroeder he was not inclined to look upon it as a cut-and-dried affair. Of coordinate level with Keiller Mackay, he was not obliged to follow the latter's precedent. Also, in the earlier case of re Drummond Wren no one had appeared in court to oppose Mr. Wren and the Workers Educational Association to argue for the covenant. This time the owners in the Grand Bend resort area had their own organization, the Beach O' Pines Association and entered the legal fray to defend the covenant.

Mr. Justice Schroeder upheld the covenant. This was the end of Round 1.

Now it began to be seen as a battle for a principle. The case was brought before a battery of judges in Osgoode Hall and Norman Borins KC (this was before the "Elizabethan era") of the firm of Croll and Borins appeard on behalf of Noble and Wolf. This writer was present in the courtroom as an observer on behalf of the Canadian Jewish Congress CJC-B'nai B'rith Public Relations Committee (the CJC advised, encouraged and assisted Mr. Wolf from this point on). He recalls Mr. Borins citing the violation of the principles of the UN Declaration of Rights, to which one of the judges coldly responded: "May I remind counsel that he is in the Province of Ontario, not the United Nations."

The judicial panel supported the Schroeder decision. End of Round 2.

One of the distinguished lawyers now consulted was the late John Cartwright, then a man of 54 and practicing law in Toronto. This writer recalls a meeting in 150 Beverley St. in the board room attended by Mr. Cartwright. He also recalls the presence of David Croll, than MP and J. I. Oelbaum — possibly also Fred Catzman, Jacob Finkelman and Bora Laskin, then a professor of law and chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress legal committee. The discussion centred on a further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

There were some who took the position that the case should be fought on strict principle alone — the principle that the covenant, and all such covenants are gross violations of a basic right, the right to own and enjoy property (comparable perhaps to the ringing phrase in the American constitution: "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.")

Mr. Cartwright took the pragmatic approach. Judges, he said, are reluctant "to make law" and to open up new avenues of public morality. He did not think the covenant should be fought on grounds of public policy. The Keiller Mackay judgment would not likely be repeated. However, he was certain that the covenant could be defeated on grounds of "uncertainty."

This means it is considered uncertain, difficult, vague to determine exactly who is a Jew. This was not an easy concept — even a self-defeating one — for an organized Jewish body to accept. It seemed a paradox to have an anti-Jewish document annulled on such a negative ground. Moreover, it lacked the element of the heroic or the eloquent. How could we applaud a judgment that seemed to deny the very concept of Jewish identity?

Mr. Cartwright's answer was that what would remain in the consciousness of the public was the factual effect, i.e. the annulment of the racist covenant — not the technical reasons adduced therefore.

In the end this is exactly what happened. Mr. Cartwright accurately predicted the decision, its grounds and the public relations effect.

But first Mr. Cartwright, very shortly after this consultation, was himself called to the Supreme Court of Canada. Understandably, he was no longer a consultant and when the case came before the Supreme Court he absented himself from the panel. The case against the racial covenant was argued by Gershon Mason, a venerable but active and able barrister. The "other side" argued that there was a distinct and clear Jewish identity and the very existence of such organizations as Canadian Jewish Congress proved this.

But the Supreme Court ruled that the racial restrictive covenant was "void for uncertainty" (I wonder: has anyone ever passed this ruling on to the Knesset of Israel in its Mi Hu Yehudi — Who is a Jew? controversy — or would this only complicate the issue further?) The headlines in the press simply read: "Racial covenants annulled." No one ever discussed the grounds and to all intent and purpose such covenants have been considered illegal ever since. No one has ever attempted to rewrite a covenant to circumvent the grounds. (In Ontario that same year — 1950 — legislation was passed outlawing all such covenants in the future).

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Such is the legacy of Bernard Wolf, a man to whom Canada is greatly indebted. Human rights and non-discrimination are now the conventional wisdom of our society. In a time when this was not so he had the courage to set his sites and stay with his purpose.

About him personally — he came as a boy early in the century with his parents from the Ukraine. His parents were idealist radicals of the old Russian revolutionary school. Though he was a secularist by upbringing he had a strong Jewish consciousness and supported all Jewish philanthropic, social and cultural causes.

He was the founding president of the London Jewish Community Council, was a member of the national board of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and was active and helpful in non-sectarian and civic endeavors. Many can confirm that up to the end he was alert mentally and physically. Within the past year this writer received a handwritten reply from him commenting on the passing of one of the judges involved in the various stages of the case of "Noble and Wolf."

He helped make Canada a better place to live in.

Bernard and Bessie Wolf, when they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 1984.

Homosexuality "a sickness," says the Lubavitcher Rebbe

TORONTO –

Homosexuality is a malady calling for therapy, not political recognition, according to the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Schneerson.

He says: "Any bill that proclaims that the 'rights' of these people must be protected and supported, should be seen for what it really is: It is taking away their right to be really protected (also — from themselves); it is depriving these people of the vitally needed help! In simple physical terms it will bring even more suffering and pain to them, to their loved ones and to all society. Certainly all must be done to assure that this will not occur."

He continues: "We are not dealing with the inalienable right of freedom of choice; we are not dealing with the innate and sacred, democratic right of free will; we are dealing with an issue of abnormality.

"In simple language, (homosexuality) is a sickness. And just because the patient proclaims he is normal does not make the malady any less dangerous."

The Rebbe stresses that "there is no insult intended and no derogatory attitude suggested. . . . When a person is ill and someone volunteers to help him get well, there is no disrespect involved at all.

"A special responsibility lies on the parents, educators and counselors to educate those afflicted . . . with a loving and caring attitude."

When one acknowledges that homosexuality is destructive, he will realize "that it is no different from a child who is born with the tendency to tear out his hair or bang his head against the wall. But there is a very tragic difference in that this trait when practiced is much more devastating because it destroys both body and soul."

The Rebbe's recent statement was reprinted in Toronto's chassidic newsletter, The World of Lubavitch.

Homosexuality is totally negative, he says, because it:

- Brings no positive results or offspring.
- Causes self-debilitation through the dissipation of the individual's strength.
- Fills its practitioners "with the self-abnegating feeling of being strange and queer. . . . They look at the world around them and they know that their practice is abnormal."
- Leads to "excessive abnormal weakness and to the most horrible diseases and maladies, as we are presently *beginning* to discover."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe

In answer to adherents stressing homosexuality's "pleasure and gratification," Schneerson uses the analogy of a pill of deathly poison coated with sugar. One person may stay only to lick the sugar and "swear the pill is sweet." Another may come along and say: "I don't care if there is poison under the sugar, so long as I can enjoy the momentary pleasure of the sweetness . . . I don't care what the consequences will be."

Schneerson asks:

"Is it truly satisfying after the act? Or does it only provide momentary gratification . . . Are all his (or her) protestations about 'the great pleasure' and 'satisfaction' really true? Or has he just been saying this for so long that now he is not willing, or is ashamed, to admit that he is wrong."

Margaret Laurence: tribute to a great Canadian author

By
BERNARD BASKIN

It is true to say that Margaret Laurence "dominated the last quarter century of Canadian fiction as an almost overwhelming yet nurturing presence." She was, arguably, our premier novelist and among the few Canadian writers with an international reputation. She came to embody the force and quality of the literary revolution that swept through Canada in the 60s, proclaiming with undeniable vigor our new-found maturity.

Although Laurence was born and grew up in Manitoba, *The Stone Angel*, her first major Canadian work and undoubtedly the most celebrated Canadian novel of our era, came only after a flourishing African phase in her career. This yielded a travel book, a work of literary criticism, a competent apprentice novel entitled *This Side Jordan*, and a brilliant short-story collection called, *The Tomorrow Tamer*.

The four Canadian-set novels, *The Stone Angel (1964)*, *A Jest of God (1966)*, *The Fire-Dwellers (1969)*, and *The Diviners (1974)* form a singular cycle in Canadian literature. In each of them, Margaret Laurence created a woman as central character whose predicament and whose concerns are convincingly and uniquely hers. At the same time, in each work there is a substratum of universal concern and significance.

In Hagar, Rachel, Stacey and Morag — and those whose lives are entangled with theirs — are mirrored the fears and triumphs of all men and women. Indeed they are Canadian and their lives and attitudes reflect our experiences in this land over a period of four generations. But national boundaries do not contain Laurence's work. As she once wrote, "I believe that universal themes can only be approached through the particular."

The Diviners, her last novel, confronts, as do her other books, the impact of small town origins on her characters' lives. She draws unhesitatingly on Canadian history; over the novel there looms the shadow of Louis Riel and the shameful treatment of the Metis.

It is unfortunate that this novel was opposed by narrow-minded elements in the community as salacious and unworthy of inclusion in the high school curriculum. To some degree the antagonism flowed from the attitude of the book's protagonist who found it difficult to discover some rational basis for contemporary life which she described as "an accomplished nightmare."

Margaret Laurence was a sympathetic and unpretentious person, a superb university teacher and a humanitarian with broad interests. The scope and variety of her accomplishments were remarkable.

Some years ago she stated in an interview: "Writing is simply the way I live. It is just something that I have to do."

All Canadians are richer for the creative life of this gifted personality who, in doing what she had to do, added lustre and an extra measure of meaning to our own lives.

Opinion

"The sect which plucks out the sinews"

Toronto professor visits the fabled Jews of Kaifeng

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

When the Chinese Academy of Sciences invited University of Toronto professor Irvine Glass to China for a lecture tour, he accepted on the condition that he be permitted to visit the city of Kaifeng.

Kaifeng, situated on the southern bank of the Yellow River, was once a magnificent metropolis, one of China's six great ancient capital cities (the others were Beijung, Nanjing, Louyang, Xian and Hangzhou).

During the reign of the Northern Song dynasty (960-1127), Kaifeng had a population of about 1.5 million, of whom a tiny handful were Jews, merchant adventurers who had made their way to China via the famous Silk Route connecting the Orient to the West.

For a variety of reasons, Kaifeng fell into obscurity, becoming, to quote a contemporary observer, "a scruffy, dusty city... with a village-like appearance."

Kaifeng's decline was matched by the gradual disintegration of the local Jewish community. Largely through the process of intermarriage, the Jews of Kaifeng were absorbed into the Chinese mainstream, losing their identity as Jews.

In effect, they became one of the so-called lost tribes of Israel.

The saga of Chinese Jews had always fascinated Glass, who is interested in Jewish history and who is associated with the U of T's Institute For Aerospace Studies. So when the Chinese Academy of Sciences invitation came through recently, Glass saw it not only as an opportunity to lecture in his field, but to visit the few hundred descendants of the fabled Jews of Kaifeng.

The Chinese authorities do not ordinarily let foreigners visit Kaifeng, which is far from the beaten track. But they made an exception for Glass, an honored guest who had previously lectured in China under the auspices of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Glass is a world-renowned expert in gasdynamics and shock-wave phenomena. He has written two books, one of which, *Shock Waves and Man*, has been translated into Russian, Polish, Hindi, Japanese and, of course, Chinese.

In 1981, the U of T bestowed on him its highest honor by naming Glass a University Professor.

Given his credentials, his hosts could hardly reject his simple request to visit Kaifeng. During his 4-week visit to China, during which he was awarded an honorary professorship by the Nanjing Aeronautical Institute, the first foreigner to be so honored, Glass and his wife, Alfreda, spent several days in Kaifeng.

Glass was not the first North American to visit Kaifeng. In recent years American tourists have gone there as well, though not without incident. Two years ago, a Columbia University graduate student who had led an American Jewish Congress tour to Kaifeng was arrested by the police and questioned for a few hours about her contacts with the Jews there.

Confucianism introduced into Judaic practices

Being in Kaifeng close to Rosh Hashanah, she had brought with her a film on how Jews around the world celebrate the Jewish new year. As she was leaving her hotel one morning, three members of the Public Security Police asked her to accompany them to headquarters. In response to a series of questions, she explained her friendship with several Jewish residents of Kaifeng and spoke of her intention to show them the film.

The officials were not impressed, telling her she had engaged in "subversive political activity" and warning her not to get in touch with the Jews again, either in person or by letter.

Glass, who claims he was the first Canadian in recent memory to visit Kaifeng, had no such problems. Ushered around by a guide, he and his wife were introduced to a couple of Chinese Jews and a local authority on Chinese Jewish history, and taken to places associated with Kaifeng Jewry.

Irvine Glass with a Chinese Jew (extreme left) in Kaifeng.

To the best of his knowledge, there are 300 to 400 Jews in Kaifeng. "They're Jews because they claim to be Jews and because they've registered themselves as Jews," he said in an interview the other afternoon. In appearance, they look completely Chinese. "You can't distinguish them from the rest of the population."

According to scholars, the Jews of Kaifeng were most probably Jews of Persian descent who arrived in China about 1,000 years ago and settled in a variety of cities, including Kaifeng. The size of the Jewish community never exceeded 2,000. They dressed like the Chinese inhabitants, wore pigtails, bound their daughters' feet, spoke the local dialect and engaged in the same occupations as their countrymen.

Many attained the rank of mandarin.

The Jews observed the Sabbath and major holidays, circumcized their sons, prayed facing toward Jerusalem and observed the laws of kashruth. The Chinese, who considered the Jews as a minor branch of Islam, called them "the sect which plucks out the sinews" — a term derived from the story of Jacob told in Genesis, 32.

Glass met two Jews — Chia Ping Yu, an "official" Jew, and Shih Chung Yu, a municipal tax clerk, both of whom claimed to be descendants of the original Jewish settlers. Neither man knew much about Jewish history, Jewish customs or Israel (which of late has forged low-key commercial ties with the People's Republic of China).

And, Glass added, they showed no particular interest in expanding their knowledge.

Shih Chung Yu, he related, said his grandfather told him of a practice at Passover of slaughtering a sheep and smearing its blood on the doorpost of his home. "That's right out of Exodus!" Glass exclaimed.

Before going to China for the second time, Glass received a letter from Michael Pollak, an eminent American scholar of Chinese Jews.

The author of *Mandarins, Jews and Missionaries*, Pollak said he had met a man in Kaifeng who still removed the sinews of meat he ate, even from pork! Glass, during his trip there, did not come across such a person. But on the basis of his conversations with Shih Chung Yu and Chia Ping Yu, he was deeply impressed by their tenacious sense of loyalty to their Judaic heritage and their historical memory.

In a sense, the Jews of China were doomed. With the passage of time, Confucianism intruded into their Judaic practices, a process that was hastened by a decree around 1500 prohibiting travel between China and the outside world. Consequently, the Jews of Kaifeng and elsewhere found themselves hermetically sealed off from all contact with their coreligionists in the Diaspora.

Furthermore, the community was weakened by natural disasters and wars.

Inexorably, the knowledge of Hebrew diminished, and even the rabbis could recall little of their ancestral language and faith. With the death of Kaifeng's last indigenous rabbi in the early years of the 19th century, Kaifeng never had another rabbi again.

When Christian missionaries entered China in the 17th century, they discovered that the Jews were indistinguishable from their Chinese neighbors.

Glass visited a hospital where Kaifeng's synagogue once stood. "There are absolutely no remains of it, and I doubt whether the Chinese government will ever rebuild it."

Kaifeng's first synagogue was built in the 12th century and its spiritual leader was Lieh-wei (Levi). In time, it was surrounded by other structures, including a study hall, a ritual bath, a communal kitchen, a kosher butchering facility and a succah.

This synagogue was destroyed by a flood in the 15th century, and its replacement was consumed by a fire some years later. The third synagogue was swept away by a flood in 1642. The fourth and last one, which was dedicated in 1663, was demolished around 1860.

By then, comments Michael Pollak, the Jewish community had become impoverished, divided and weakened by a general ignorance of its heritage.

Their synagogal artifacts — Torah scrolls, prayer books and scriptural section booklets — were sold off to libraries and museums abroad.

What was not purchased by foreign buyers was moved around Kaifeng. When Glass visited the Tung Ta mosque, he saw the sculptured lion and lotus stone bowls that used to adorn the courtyard of the synagogue.

During the course of his stay in Kaifeng, during which he visited the Lane of the People who Teach the Scriptures, where many Jews lived, Glass chatted with Wang Yisha. Wang, an authority on Chinese Jews, gave Glass a copy of a book in Chinese entitled *Several Historical Problems Regarding the Jews of China: Chinese Jews in Kaifeng* by the late Pan Guang Tan.

Impoverished by ignorance of their heritage

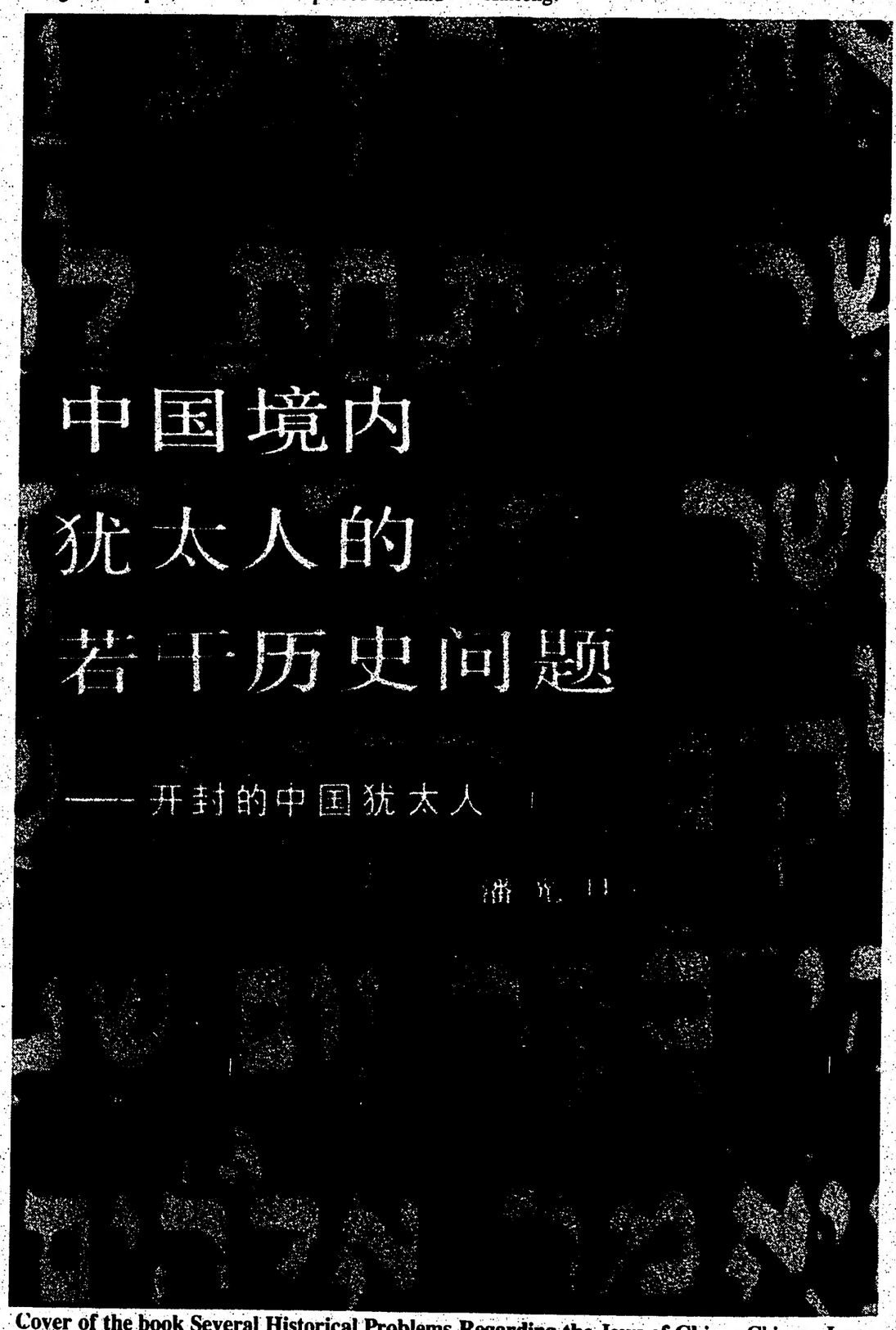
Recently, Wang, through a mutual Chinese acquaintance, asked Glass whether he could help him publish his book on Jews in Canada and the U.S. Glass told this reporter that he has approached the Sino-Judaic Institute of Palo Alto, California. Founded 1½ years ago, the institute assists and promotes scholarship and research on Chinese Jews.

After leaving Kaifeng, Glass went to Beijung, where he met Sidney Shapiro, an American in China who has written on Chinese Jews. Shapiro, a Brooklyn lawyer, is among a handful of permanent non-Chinese Jewish residents in China today

While in Peking, Glass paid a visit to the university library, to which he had donated in 1981 a Hebrew bible, two Yiddish-English dictionaries and several other books of Jewish interest.

Much to his disappointment, they were not in the card catalogue.

He left China puzzled by that conundrum but enriched by his exposure to the Chinese Jews of Kaifeng.



Cover of the book Several Historical Problems Regarding the Jews of China: Chinese Jews in Kaifeng, by Pan Guang Tan.

Opinion

The case of Ivan Boesky

Can Jewish press be indifferent observers?

By
J. B. SALSBERG

After weeks of indecision this humble scribe has decided to go public, as they say nowadays, on the notorious Ivan Boesky "scandal" that rocked the New York Stock Exchange, that created tidal waves in the American financial world and that caused embarrassing moral and ethical repercussions in some regions of American Jewish leadership.

J. B. Salsberg

Why, you may ask, am I voluntarily entering this unpleasant, highly-charged and very embarrassing region of controversy in the United States? My simple answer is that I do so because the Boesky scandal is not just an "American tragedy," but is a haunting social phenomenon that causes disquieting concern to many Canadian Jews who are aware of and sensitive to the potential of Boesky scandals in our own country.

I see the whole miserable Boesky mess as being, first and last, an inescapable moral and ethical challenge to the Jewish leadership — religious, secular, philanthropic, educational, fundraising for Israel and Israeli institutions, etc., etc., in the U.S., as well as in Canada.

I also believe that not only rabbis and lay leaders should lead the crusade against the unethical practices that led to the Boesky scandal, but that the North American Jewish press, in all languages, should follow the present pattern of the major North American newspapers and expose, expose, expose and do it fearlessly and indiscriminately.

I can't condone the ingrained habit of most North American Jewish periodicals not to "play up" negative stories about Jews. I believe this to be a serious disservice to the Jewish community as a whole. Indeed,such behavior runs counter to the traditional Jewish admonition to "sweep evil from your midst. . . ."

Now, my friends, that you know why I felt it necessary to get involved in the Boesky debate, let us turn to the main character in the drama so that even the less-informed of our readers know what it is all about.

Contrary to the prevailing view I do not consider Mr. Ivan Boesky, the prominent, admired, (as well as envied) very successful New York Stock Exchange operator to be the incarnation of all evil in the American financial world. I see Ivan Boesky as a product of the Wall Street system. What he is guilty of, using inside information to enrich himself astronomically, is as old as Wall Street.

A bad and illegal practice, to be sure, but it is being done on a smaller scale every day in every financial market. And what about the "Bulls," the big-shot "raiders," the "takeover" artists in Canada and in the U.S. whose often unethical practices (even though not yet illegal) Boesky exploited for his own enrichment? Are those operators less guilty?

In short, as I see it, Boesky is guilty and he has paid a fine of 100 million U.S. dollars; but, really, it is the whole of Wall Street (or Bay Street) that is responsible. Boesky didn't invent the get-rich scheme; it was there before his time, only he proved to be an extremely good operator in a less, much less, than ethical operational atmosphere.

So far for Mr. Boesky, the boy from Detroit, who became, in less than a decade, the lion of Wall Street and one of the prominent, rich men of America... If that were all, neither you nor I would have been especially concerned with this man's rise and fall. But Ivan Boesky is a Jew (despite his Ivan name) and, from many viewpoints, a "good Jew" and, I believe, a proud Jew. And that turns the Boesky affair into an inescapable Jewish affair and, more important, a Jewish concern. And that's where we, you and I, and the Jewish press come in.

Because the U.S. press, from the New York Times down, now call him a crook and because the Times lists the names of men who were in a "limited partnership with Boesky" and they are also prominent U.S. Jews, then the Jewish angle of the affair rises higher and higher. The prominence that the U.S. and worldwide press give to the cataloguing of Boesky's leadership role in American Jewish philanthropic, cultural and religious life makes the affair inescapably Jewish and of concern to us all.

You see, my friends, I'm quite satisfied that in his own eyes Ivan was almost a model Jew. He was proud of his origin; he was an involved person and he gave most liberally to Jewish causes (tens of millions of dollars). Doesn't it all prove that he was a model Jew? No, in my view. No, because his business practices lacked the essence of Jewish virtues — Jewish morals and Jewish ethics. Those basic virtues also apply to one's business activities. They are indivisible.

But, as in his traditional Wall Street operations, Boesky was also a victim of traditional Jewish communal practices in the U.S. (and Canada), as I intend to show next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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HITS ULTRA-ORTHODOX ISRAELIS

In your Dec. 11 edition, you reported that the Israeli Supreme Court ruled against the discriminatory action of Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz. He inscribed the word "convert" on the I.D. card of a convert, Shoshana Miller, because she was converted by Rabbi David Klein, a Reform rabbi.

In addition to the Supreme Court ruling, Justice Menachem Eylon, a member of the panel, stated in an addendum that the qualifying "converted" was contrary to Halacha.

Although the Orthodox rabbis agreed with him, they still refused to countenance Jewish status for a person converted by a Reform rabbi.

It is incredible and embarrassing that a small, vociferous and militant group can besmirch Jewishness and all that it means to a Jew.

One questions their sincerity, religiosity and compassion, and their beliefs in developing in our land of Israel a true democracy.

How strange that a cabinet minister can make such a biased decision without consulting the rest of the cabinet.

Morris Cohen
Montreal

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"TRIVIALIZING THE TRUTH"

How sad to note the shameless twisting of words and facts for the self-serving purpose of trivializing truth.

S. Kohn accuses Rabbi Immanuel Schochet of trivializing the Holocaust (Letters, Dec. 11), because he said that "Jews for Jesus are worse than the Nazis. . . . The Nazis only killed Jewish bodies, while those people are murdering Jewish souls."

S. Kohn appears too obtuse to realize the clear import of Rabbi Schochet's pronouncement.

It does not trivialize the Holocaust. It emphasizes the momentous weightiness of *shmad* (apostasy).

Rabbi Schohet's statement is a truism recognized by all religions and moral philosophies: Physical survival is secondary to spiritual survival, to the preservation of truth and principles.

That is why the noblest people of all creeds and perusasions always were willing to lay down their lives for their beliefs and principles.

Judaism always regarded apostasy as the worst tragedy imaginable. For a Jew to forsake his faith is to kill his spiritual reality, to bury Jewish indentity.

In the words of our Torah: "To cause another to sin, is worse than to murder him!"

Thus Jews for Jesus, and all other missionaries, are indeed much worse than the Nazis!

J. Halpert
Toronto

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CAN'T WORSHIP TWO GODS

Re the controversy over Rabbi Immanuel Schochet's condemnation of Jews for Jesus:

Rabbi Schochet could have used a much more thoughtful argument against Jews for Jesus. He could have quoted what the prophet Eliyahu said in Kings to the people in King Achob's time: "How long will you follow a two-day God?"

If you think Jesus is a god go after him, but don't mix up and wrap up two Gods in one!

Shlomo State
Toronto

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MUSEUM SEEKS MEMORABILIA

Beth Hatefutsoth Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv is preparing an exhibition about Jewish workers in the Diaspora in modern time (19th century-World War II).

We would like to know whether your readers have any visual material, suitable for this exhibition.

The subjects we are concerned with are: Jewish artisans and workers, trade unions, labor movements, Socialist leaders, immigration, vocational education, periodicals.

We would appreciate it if you could send us photocopies of the relevant photographs or documents for our project.

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Ramat Tel Aviv

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IT'S 750,000 PIONEER WOMEN

We thank you for Carolyn Blackman's article on the Na'amat Pioneer Women's World Conference which was held in Israel in November.

However, there seems to be a typographical error in the article which states "75,000 women."

We are proud to say that we have a membership of 750,000 women in Israel, making us the largest women's organization.

Tillie Margolis
National vice-president
Na'amat Pioneer Women
Toronto

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MORRIS ACCENTUATES THE POSITIVE

I would like to command Gerry Morris on his review of the New York plays and his interviews with various theatrical luminaries.

Not only are they illuminating, but they are delightfully written.

It is a pleasure reading something that entertains and is not negative.

Rose Wexler
Toronto

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CHANUKAH MESSAGE "VULGAR"

Dr. Fred Weinberg's Dec. 25 article headed "There's nothing like Chanukah" makes known a practice associated with the holiday that hopefully is relegated to a small segment of the Toronto community (certainly nowhere in Montreal).

Your writer reveals: "The major giving of presents takes place as a counterfoil to Christmas, or even bettering it."

If one is compelled to inundate their brats with gifts "each night" to indulge their whims, that is their problem. (Don't blame it on Chanukah or Christmas.)

To place this vulgarity on your front page soils the spiritual message of Chanukah to your readers.

Nathan Gans
Montreal

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Reader complains of lack of review of play directed by gifted actress-director Sylvia Lennick

"WHY NO PLAY REVIEW?"

On Saturday evening, Dec. 6, I attended an unusual and very interesting program at Holy Blossom Temple, when Medina Stage Company presented the play, *The Twisted Loaf*. After the performance, the author, Aviva Ravel, spoke to the audience and answered questions.

The play concerned a Jewish family who came here from the Old Country, and had to adapt to a whole new way of life. Many of us in the audience — even those of us born here — related to it very easily.

The play was directed by the well known Toronto actress, Sylvia Lennick and in my view was very well performed.

Having the author present certainly gave the evening an added dimension. It isn't often that members of the audience have the opportunity to speak directly to the author, and to discover some of the elements that have gone into creating the play.

It was such a unique program, that I expected to see a writeup about it in The Canadian Jewish News, and was very disappointed when none appeared.

I realize it was not a conventional theatre evening, but that is exactly why, in my opinion, such programs should be given more mention in The Canadian Jewish News, so that our community will know more about them.

Kay Sandy
Toronto

Editor's note: We agree that this was a newsworthy occasion and consequently our Arts departments wrote an advance article about the play and its author, including a photo of Aviva Ravel. However, it is our policy to review only plays which run for at least two weeks in order to provide a service to our readers. Nevertheless, we intend doing a lengthy feature article about the Medina Stage Company in the future when it produces another drama.

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IT'S TWAIN, NOT SHAW

Re the Jan. 1 letter headed "His obituary premature" which quotes the phrase: "The rumor of my death is highly exaggerated":

I don't know whatever Justice Benjamin J. Greenberg of Montreal is alive or dead.

I do know that the letter purporting to be from him appeared with a quote attributed to George Bernard Shaw.

I wish people would be more careful in their writings. It was Mark Twain who used this phrase.

Brian Katz
Toronto

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KUDOS FROM JEWS FOR JUDAISM

I wish to commend one of your reporters, Mark Dodick, for his coverage of my recent presentation at Toronto's Congregation Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am.

Dodick's questioning of me following the presentation was extremely thorough and incisive, and his reporting on the program was remarkably balanced.

The subject of Christian missions to the Jews is an extremely sensitive one, and one in which passion and polemic can all too often outweigh journalistic objectivity.

In my experience, Dodick represents that rare breed of journalist who has managed to handle creatively, effectively and without bias this most complex and equally delicate issue.

Lawrence A. Levey
Director
Jews for Judaism
Baltimore, Md.

World-National

William and Elizabeth Stern...a historic court case. [Time Magazine photo]

Baby M controversy

Surrogate mothers: Rabbis probe ethics

By
ELLEN RITTBERG
New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK —
Rabbinical specialists in medical ethics have begun to cope with the controversial issue of surrogate motherhood and its possible implications for the Jewish community.

The issue has received a great deal of attention lately in the so-called Baby M trial in Hackensack, NJ. The case involves a childless couple — William Stern, the son of Holocaust survivors, and his wife Elizabeth — who paid Mary Beth Whitehead to be surrogate mother through artificial insemination by Stern.

The Bergen County Superior Court is being asked to decide if the contract the Sterns and Whitehead signed is legal, and to whom Baby M belongs. Whitehead now wants the baby, who is almost a year old. Up to now the Sterns have had the child.

Moses Tendler, who is both a professor of Talmudic law at the Orthodox Yeshiva University and chairman of its biology department, believes the press and public are ignoring the all-important moral issue — whether a person should "contract a performance bond" to produce a baby. He thinks not.

"One woman says, 'I'm going to rent your uterus, blood, hormones, your whole body,' " Tendler says. " 'You will adjust to a new physiological state. Your body will swell.' "

Tendler characterizes this as a form of "enslavement" and describes businesses that match couples with women for the purpose of surrogate motherhood as "slave markets."

"God said, 'for ye are my slaves.' He didn't say that man is in man's service," Tendler says.

There are also the dangers of pregnancy to consider, he adds, because being pregnant "imperils one's life."

All kinds of complications can result from pregnancy. Of course, God set up the world so that women would have children, but women should not have a child for another person strictly for money." If a couple cannot have their own children, Tendler says, they can adopt a child.

"The greatest mitzvah is to raise an orphan in your house as your own."

Marc Gellman, a Reform rabbi in Dix Hills, NY, with a doctorate in medical ethics, agrees with Tendler. Gellman feels that some Jews explore options such as hiring a surrogate mother because Jewish families in general are "resistant to adoption."

Hiring a surrogate mother, however, "undermines the sanctity of marital relations," says Gellman. "It creates a class of people who are baby-bearers for money. It makes women objects for the purposes of procreation. The Jewish view of women is much more noble."

Objects to term

Gellman compares the Stern-Whitehead contract to a contract to sell pornography. Gellman condemns all contracts that involve one woman bearing children for another woman. "The basic point from a Jewish perspective is that there are mothers. Period. There is no such thing as surrogate mothers."

Rabbi David Feldman, of the Conservative Teaneck Jewish Center in New Jersey who is the author of *Health and Medicine in the Jewish Tradition*, objects to the term surrogate mother entirely. Motherhood is an inalienable right, he argues.

The mother, in this case Whitehead, is the mother in every sense of the word. "She bled and had morning sickness, gave the child nutriments, genetic endowments, the ovum. She is 100% the mother," Feldman says.

Feldman adds that the Whitehead-Stern contract is not valid from a Jewsh point of view. "You cannot enforce a contract against a natural fact (Whitehead's biological motherhood)," he says. He adds that the woman who entered into the contract before becoming pregnant is not the same one who delivered the child. "She could not foresee how she would change" as the result of giving birth, he says. "People sometimes say things and feel things before and during childbirth that they don't mean."

Feldman cites the Talmud to explain his point. "After childbirth, the woman was supposed to bring a sacrifice to the Temple," he says. "The Talmud says the real reason she brings that sacrifice is because, when she was experiencing the pain of childbirth, she might have sworn that she would never have another child. The sacrifice was the atonement for swearing the oath which the woman thought she meant at the moment she said it but which she did not really mean."

Not all rabbis consider the Stern-Whitehead contract illegal, however.

"If the woman signed the contract, she should live up to the terms of it," says Bernard M. Zlotowitz, director of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues. "She is a mature woman. She understood what she was getting into. She studied the problems, she discussed it."

Zlotowitz quickly adds, however, that he does not feel the practice of hiring surrogate mothers should be encouraged. "If you can't have your own children, you should adopt," he says.

Rabbi Seymour Siegel, professor of ethics and medicine at the Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary of America, also believes the baby to whom Whitehead gave birth belongs to the Sterns. "Stern is the real father, so the Sterns have a real claim on the baby," he says.

"Our civilization is based on contracts," Siegel says. "If we can't rely on agreements, everything falls apart. Mrs. Whitehead knew the bonding that takes place. She was a mother before becoming pregnant with this baby."

Reform convert back in U.S.

Knesset dispute defused

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Shoshana Miller, the convert to Judaism from the U.S. whose right to status as a Jew was upheld by the Supreme Court although she was converted by a Reform rabbi, appears to have temporarily defused the fierce controversy aroused by her case.

The Jerusalem Post reported last week that Miller, who returned to the U.S. to care for her ailing father, has elected to remain there and not claim the Israeli citizenship the High Court said she is entitled to.

(However, the rabbi who converted her and whose Reform congregation employed her as a cantor, Rabbi David Kline of Temple Shalom, Colorado Springs, Colo., told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Miller "hasn't announced her final decision" about remaining in the United States.

He said she is one of "three or four candidates" for her old job, and that the synagogue would decide on a cantor by the end of the month. Kline added, "There are plenty of people in the temple who would love to have her for a cantor.")

Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, of the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party, resigned as interior minister rather than comply with the Supreme Court's order to issue Miller an identification card as a Jew, without the description "converted" or any other qualification.

Deputy Minister Ronnie Milo of Likud, whom Premier Yitzhak Shamir put in direct charge of the interior ministry until a new minister is appointed, announced that he was prepared to issue the ID card to Miller as soon as she applied for it. But her application must be made in Israel, not from abroad, Milo said.

His statement further enraged the Orthodox religious establishment, particularly because Milo acknowledged to the Knesset that the Supreme Court's decision established a precedent which will have to be honored by the interior ministry in the future. The Orthodox parties are reported seriously considering leaving the Labor-Likud unity coalition government over this issue.

The Union for Progressive Judaism, as the Reform movement is known in Israel, says it has 15 converted olim waiting to apply for ID cards in the wake of the Miller decision. But it is apparently undecided whether to initiate another test case at this time.

The Jerusalem Post, in an interview with Rabbi Kline, reported him as saying that Miller was being interviewed for the job of cantor in his temple. But he did not say unequivocally that she had decided not to return to Israel. He said that she "had a miserable experience in Israel" and now wants time "out of the limelight" while she considers her future.

The rabbi added, "Her aliya just didn't work out . . . I'm not ashamed of her having come back. After all, the great majority of American olim end up leaving Israel."

The Supreme Court's decision in the Miller case is seen by Reform Judaism as a major advance in its struggle for religious pluralism in Israel. The Orthodox are trying to circumvent it by pressing anew for passage of the controversial Who is a Jew amendment to the Law of Return which would invalidate conversions by non-Orthodox rabbis.

Youngsters sell comics to aid CJA

MONTREAL —
Noah Witinoff is 8 years old, and he's quite proud of the receipt he has from the Combined Jewish Appeal for a gift of $31.50.

Noah, and eight of his friends at Jewish Peoples and Peretz Schools here, had talked about the idea of raising money "for charity" during recess. A number of their parents and grandparents were volunteer workers for the appeal and they had heard a lot about how the campaign "helped poor people."

Their fund raising technique was to hold a garage sale at Noah's home. Noah sent off the check to the appeal with a letter stating: "My friends and I made this money by having a comic sale."

It opened with the salutation: "Dear Combined Jewish Appeal."

And Noah wound it up by listing the names of his "friends" and signing off, "Yours truly."

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Shamir gets reassurances

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir has received assurances from Washington that the Reagan administration was not trying to scapegoat Israel in the Iran arms sales-Contra affair.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres confirmed this to the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee last week. He also disclosed that he sent a message of his own to Vice-President George Bush reiterating Israel's denial that it was involved in the transfer of proceeds from Iranian weapons purchases to the Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras, or that Israel initiated the U.S. arms sales to Iran in 1985.

The impression that Israel was the prime mover in the arms sales was contained in a briefing memorandum to President Reagan by his then national security advisor, Admiral John Poindexter, released by the White House recently.

Israel was also agitated by reports in the U.S. media attributed to administration and congregational sources, that it was shipping weapons to the Contras at its own initiative in 1985, unknown to the U.S., until "detected" by American intelligence.

Israeli diplomatic sources in Washington were quoted by Israel Radio as expressing concern "that Israel was now being made a scapegoat" by the White House.

Peres confirmed that a message from the White House was conveyed orally to Shamir by U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering assuring Israel that the documents released were not intended as criticism of Israel.

A state department official said that the White House realized after the documents were released that they were potentially damaging to U.S.-Israel relations.

Peres, in his appearnce before the Knesset committee, blasted the Israeli media for "drawing fire" down on Israel by publishing reports of its role in the Iran arms sale and transfer of funds to the Contras.

Israel offers to pay

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has offered to pay compensation to the family of Cpl. Dermot McLaughlin, a soldier in the Irish contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) killed by Israeli shells fired at a suspected terrorist position in the south Lebanon security zone Jan. 10.

The sum offered was not disclosed but was described as substantial. McLaughlin, 33, was the father of five children.

Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy told reporters Sunday that the incident was a "shameful mistake." He said he had received a report by a special investigating officer and it will be up to the military adjutant-general to decide whether further action will be taken.

McLaughlin was killed when an Israel Defence Force tank unit opened fire on what was described as "a large terrorist squad in the village of Barashit." The shells struck a UNIFIL post in the village.

Terrorists blamed

Two Jewish youths stabbed in Old City

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Tension ran high in Jerusalem over the weekend, following the stabbing of two Jewish youths in an Old City bazaar Saturday. The victims, Avi Ohayon, 24, and his brother, Shalom, 17, were reported in satisfactory condition Sunday after undergoing surgery.

The incident brought to eight the number of Jews stabbed by Arab assailants in the Old City and other parts of East Jerusalem since August 1985. It touched off a wave of anti-Arab violence by Jewish militants.

Several Arab youths were beaten up near the scene of the attack. Four Jewish residents of the Musrara quarter where the Ohayons live were detained for attacking Arab passers-by and a heavy guard was posted in and around the quarter, mainly to restrain angry Jews. Several score Arabs were arrested for questioning. Most have been released.

The stabbing occurred in the Kahn E-Zeit bazaar where the brothers were strolling with Avi Ohayon's fiance, Leah Azulai. She was not harmed. Police sealed all gates to the Old City immediately afterwards and ordered Arab shops in the area closed for their own protection. The closure order was later rescinded.

Police Minister Chaim Barlev briefed the cabinet on the incident Sunday and visited the Old City. He complained that although there were many eyewitnesses to the stabbing, none, neither Jew or Arab, came forward to tell police what actually happened.

Police said they believed the attack on the Jewish youths was the work of "Arab nationalist terrorists." Premier Yitzhak Shamir called for an increased police presence in Jerusalem to stamp out violence.

Israel must stop bombing: Waite

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tims, so far without success.

He told a press conference in Beirut last week that he was also trying to act on behalf of Israeli prisoners-of-war in the hands of various groups in Lebanon, but could do nothing unless Israel "stops bombing (south Lebanon) and opens the way to a peaceful solution" in that region.

Shiites were quoted as saying they would return the bodies of the slain Lebanese Jews only if Israel releases Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners in custody of the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA).

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MONTREAL — The Jewish community of Canada is angered and saddened by the recent brutal murder of Yehoudah Benesti, 80, by Arab terrorists in Lebanon, Canadian Jewish Congress said in a statement.

The Higher Council of the Jewish community in Lebanon states that Benesti's sons Youssef and Ibrahim were tortured and killed in front of their father.

"We mourn the passing of the Benestis. Their savage murders are further evidence that Arab terrorists murder Jews because they are Jews, and their vile deeds are indistinguishable from those of the Nazis," the CJC statement said.

"The cold-blooded murder of the Benesti family is one more reminder to civilized societies that we must combat terrorism together in order to avoid further tragedies."

Congress called on the Canadian government and public opinion to "vigorously condemn this barbarous act by Arab terrorists."

BB criticizes report as justifying abuses

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written recruitment circulars and applications were overtly discriminatory" and there was no suggestion that management "actually discouraged such applicants."

Matas criticized the C&L report for ignoring public statments by MTS and MTX presidents saying women and Jews were banned.

Matas' critique of C&L was especially scathing regarding the managment company's statement that it would be a "major discourtesy if we do not observe the local laws and religion of the host country."

That attitude "ignores the universality of human rights standards," Matas writes. "The principle of equality, the entitlement to rights without distinction based on religion or sex are not 'Canadian biases.' They are universally recognized standards accepted by Canada and Saudi Arabia alike."

Citing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaims equality, Matas wrote "Canada fails in its commitment to international standards if it simply turns away from the violations and justifies them by saying Saudi Arabians are different from us."

Matas also sets his sights on C&L's approval of MTX's use of a "cost/benefit analysis in respect of a moral/political consideration arising because of human rights issues." That approach "ignores the nature of principle," he states, because "morals do not exist in an economic sphere to be bought and sold."

In its report, C&L suggested that MTX could help improve respect for human rights in Saudi Arabia by installing modern telecommunications equipment, thereby making Saudi Arabia "a more open society." In reply, Matas wrote there is no necessary connection between modern communications equipment and respect for human rights.

Instead of instilling Canadian values of equality in Saudi Arabia, he added, the result of adhering to the discriminatory practices might be to adopt those intolerant views in Canada.

Finally, Matas argued that complying with the Saudi requirements is a violation of the Manitoba Human Rights Act, since the recruitment of personnel in Manitoba for the MTX contract excluded Jews and women.

Matas said Penner's reply to his letter was that the government was committed to introduce legislation to, in Matas' words, "articulate community standards and set a guideline for Crown corporations that cannot be ignored."

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) Which entertainer has raised millions of dollars to fight muscular dystrophy?

(2) What prayer contains the request: "Lord our G-d, O make us not dependent on the gifts and loans of men. . . ?"

(3) Who was the first Canadian woman to be named chief of a court under federal jurisdiction?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) Jerry Lewis.

(2) Grace after meals (4th paragraph).

(3) Constance Glube of Halifax was appointed in 1982 as Chief Justice of the trial division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, recently published by JESL Education Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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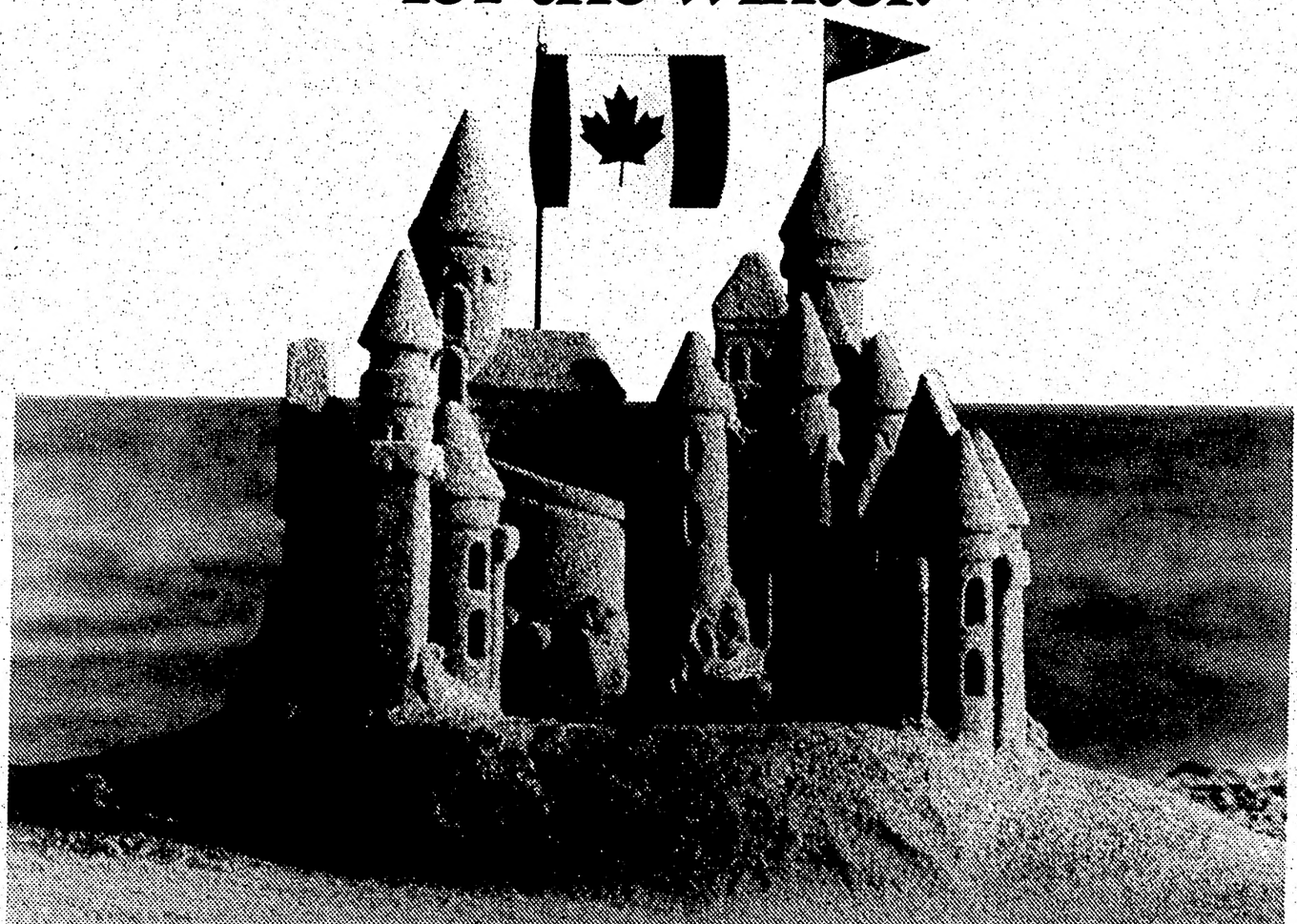

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Friday, Jan. 23

SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

As part of its Musical Legacy series, Temple Sinai will feature a performance of Jewish works by the National Chamber Orchestra of Canada, under the leadership of **Sasha Weinstangel,** Friday, Jan. 23.

Based in North York, the National Chamber Orchestra looks forward to a European tour plus participation in the Hong Kong Music Festival of 1987.

Join Temple Sinai members for services at 8.15 p.m. and the Oneg Shabbat concert to follow.

Saturday, Jan. 24

TZAVTA KIBBUTZ CENTRE

Can Israel's National Unity Government Continue? **Chanan Cohen**, director of the World Union of United Workers Party of Israel will probe this question at a meeting in the Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 158, 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24. New York-born Cohen has worked as an aide to Missouri senator **Stuart Symington**.

Sunday, Jan. 25

JUDAICA ART LECTURE

Kehillat Ahavat Hesed invites you to a lecture by **Renee Goorvich** on the Historical Development of Jewish Art and Needlework and How to Restore and Maintain Items, 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25, at 11 Shelburne Ave. (south of Lawrence, east off Bathurst.

RSVP to **Shawn**, 782-1840.

YIDDISH SONG AND STORY

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation will hold an Evening of Yiddish Song and Story 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 with the Shira Trio. Yiddish songs will be performed by **Mona Brown** with piano accompaniment by **Dorothy Sandler Glick** and commentary in Yiddish and English written and narrated by **Bryna Rose.** The program will include music from the shtetl to the present. Charge is $2 per person.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

At the Sunday, Jan. 25 meeting of Beth Sholom Tephillin and Breakfast Club, **Bernie Farber**, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, will discuss The Merchant of Venice and the Kitchener school board's dilemma in deciding whether young children should study the play.

Service is at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10, speaker at 10.30.

AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

The Entertainment and Cultural Connection of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue presents **David Eisen** discussing Our Clandestine Trip to the Soviet Union: Were Our Films Cut?, at 8 p.m. in the Sisterhood Hall (Glencairn just east of Bathurst).

All ages, marrieds and singles, are invited, but there are special tables for singles 21-39 and 39 plus. Cost to guests is $2, members free.

Coordinators are **Sandra** and **Jerry Genesove**.

SHAARE HAIM LECTURES

At 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 in Roselawn Public School, Carrville Rd (west of Yonge St.) Shaareh Haim Synagogue of Richmond Hill continues its Sunday Morning lectures. **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** will deliver the last talk in a 4-part series on Conservative Judaism.

The lecture, The Status of Women in Conservative Judaism, will be preceded by a service and a breakfast and will conclude at 11.45 a.m.

For more details call **Rabbi Troster** at 737-3080.

TELEM

Telem, the Movement for Zionist Fulfilment holds its first 1987 get-together 7.30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25 at 753 Marlee Ave., Apt. 3.

The video, Pillars of Fire, chapter 19, will be shown, and there will be a general meeting for individuals and couples over 18 considering aliya, long-term stays, or return to Israel.

To inquire further call **Joel** or **Susie**, 787-2661 or **Ronny**, 782-0964.

CONGREGATION HABONIM

Congregation Habonim invites you to its monthly breakfast meeting, 10 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 25, at 12 Hollaman Rd. (Bathurst and Glencairn), when freelance journalist and former staff member of the Jerusalem Post, **Nomi Morris**, will speak and show slides on her recent trip to the Soviet Union where she interviewed 34 Refusenik families.

Cost is $4.50 per person.

ADATH SHOLOM SISTGERHOOD

Psychologist **Robin Cappe** will talk about Young Offenders in Jail, and Imposter Syndrome, at the Adath Sholom Sisterhood general meeting in the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., Sunday, Jan. 25.

Breakfast, $1, is at 9.30 a.m. and the meeting follows.

Monday, Jan. 26

MOTHERS AGAINST GOING CRAZY

Monday Magic, or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy meets 9.30-11.30 a.m. Mondays, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Hear stimulating speakers and meet other mothers of young children. Excellent babysitting is provided.

Come out for a lively morning with comic **Larry Horwitz** of Yuk Yuk fame, Monday, Jan. 26.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Parents of Asthmatic Children meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 in Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (one block north of Lawrence), to learn What's New in Asthma Treatment from speaker **Sandy Valorzi**, clinical instructor at the Hospital for Sick Children.

New members are welcome.

For further information contact **Elaine Rose**, 881-8416 or **Joan Naert**, 292-6635.

LIVING JEWISH SPIRIT

ALIS, the Association for the Living Jewish Spirit, will conduct a discussion group, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Bathurst Heights Public Library, just north of Lawrence Plaza.

Topic will be, If Judaism Makes People Better, Why are There Unethical Religious Jews and Ethical Non-Religious Jews?

Rabbi Reuben Slonim will lead the discussion.

Members of the community are welcome.

To make further inquiries call 789-0101.

ALUMA ISRAELI CANADIAN CLUB

Aluma, the Israeli Canadian Club will screen an Israeli movie at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 in the Wagman Centre's Fireside Room.

Admission is free. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

THERAPEUTIC FASTING

Holistic practitioner **Dr. Ron Cridland**, will speak on The Science and Benefits of Therapeutic Fasting, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 155 College St. 6th floor.

Sponsor is The Canadian Natural Hygiene Society.

For registration, book browsing and visiting, you are invited to arrive at 7.30 p.m.

Cost is $4 to members, $6, non-members, students with ID cards, $2.50, seniors with ID, $2.50.

For more information call 781-0359.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

BETH EMETH ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda's Adult Education Video and Lecture Series, Pillar of Fire (the rebirth of Israel) continues every Wednesday, 8-9.30 p.m. in the Arback Hall at the synagogue, 100 Elder St.

On Jan. 28, **Rabbi Irwin Witty** will pursue the question, The Jewish People: Where Are You?

The public is invited. For more details call 633-3838.

JEWISH MUSICAL THOUGHT

An open meeting of the music committee, Toronto Jewish Congress, with **Prof. Alfred Fisher**, who will discuss Unity and Universality in Jewish Musical Thought, focusing on the Jewish influences in the work of **Arnold Schoenberg**, is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Lipa Green Building, 4th floor, 4600 Bathurst St.

For additional information call 635-2883, ext. 151.

HOLY BLOSSOM SISTERHOOD

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood welcomes you to a gathering Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 1.30 p.m. in the Temple, when **Sharon Drache**, author of The Mikvah Man, will read from her works. Admission is free.

On Thursday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m., marriage and family therapist **Barbara Irving** will examine Coping with Divorce and Widowhood.

Cost is $2 for members, $4, non-members. Cookies and coffee will be served.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

CHILDREN'S BALLET

Temple Sinai Nursery School is proud to present The Ontario Ballet Theatre in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave. There will be two performances, at 2 and 4 p.m.

Tickets are $4 each.

Children up to the age of 12 will enjoy this 1-hour program based on the book by **C.S. Lewis**, about two youngsters who fall through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia where they meet a wicked witch and a wonderful lion, and their strange story begins.

Tickets are available in the school office, 210 Wilson Ave. or they may be purchased at the door if there are any left.

To inquire further call 487-3281.

JEWISH STUDY CLASSES

Chavurat Hamasoret is again organizing weekly Jewish study classes for young adults ages 18-25. In addition to the weekly Torah class with **Sholom Eisenstat** on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m., there is a guest scholar at 8.45 p.m. On Thursday, Jan. 22, the guest will be **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**, who will address the question, Does Judaism Demand Social Activism?

For more information call **Jonathan Shiff, 789-2193.**

DRIVE A CHILD TO SHUL?

Do you live in the Bathurst-Crown Heights area? Jewish Family & Child Service urgently requires a driver for one of its foster children Sunday Mornings, 9.30 a.m. to go to Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, and return home approximately 11.30 a.m.

This lift is needed immediately until the end of June.

Any assistance will be very much appreciated. Please contact **Shirley Worth** at 638-7800, extension 244.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBITION

Breath of Spring, an exhibition of watercolors by **Edith Wise**, is on view at the Link Gallery, Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. at Leslie, Jan. 28-Feb. 10. Gallery hours are weekdays, 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 5 p.m.

THEY'VE ARRIVED!

The 1987 Israel Summer Program brochures have arrived at the Israel Youth Program Centre. They're chockful of new and expanded programs as well as perennial favorites. Check for information on the new Bar/Bat Mitzvah program too.

To be placed on the mailing list, phone the Israel Youth Program Centre at 665-7733, or pick up your brochures at 1000 Finch Ave. W., Suite 117.

ASSOCIATED LESLIE CAMPUS

Completion of the Associated Hebrew Schools' Leslie Campus was approved at a recent meeting of its board of directors. In announcing that construction will commence in February, Associated's president, **Henry Koschitzky** also reported that grades 7 and 8 will be taught at the Leslie campus located at 6100 Leslie St.

The facilities to be completed include eight classrooms, a scienee lab, art room, library, two

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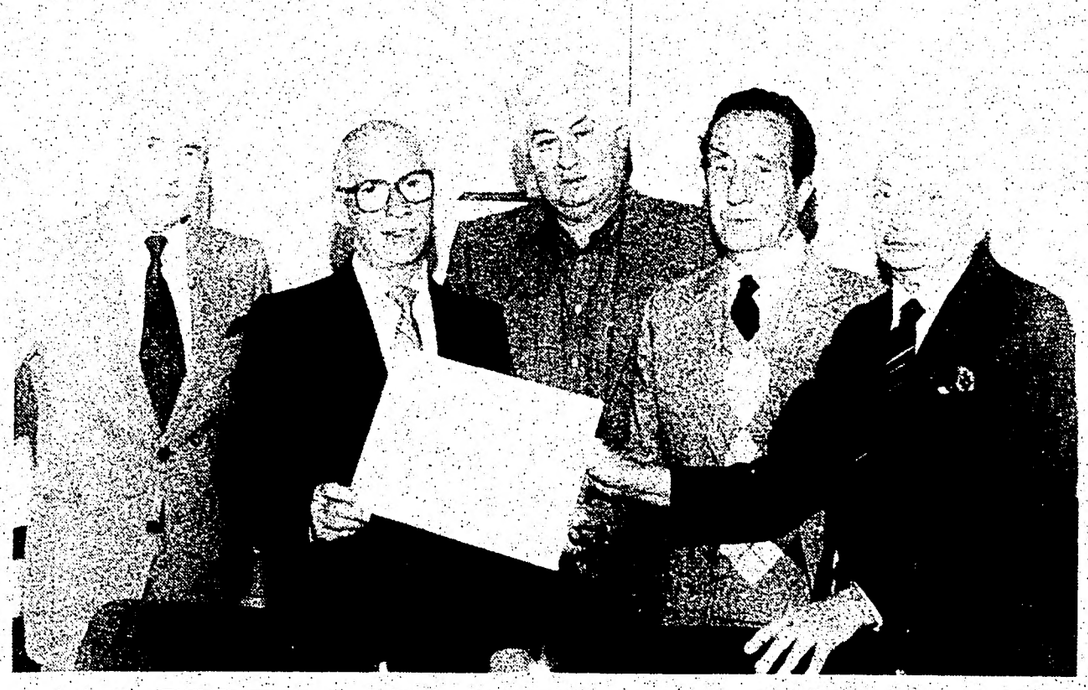
FOCUS WEEK UPDATE

Toronto Jewish Congress president Ron Appleby (centre), receives a progress update on Focus Week, from event associate chairman Larry Shapiro (left) and Bobby Katz. This kicks off on Sunday, May 17 with a Showcase Weekend which will encompass the United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel and Festival. TJC is the sponsor for the 5-day Jewish community happening.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The Warshaver Lodzer Society continues to show its support in a tangible way for the brave young men and women of the Israel Defence Forces, and was recently presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Toronto branch of the Association for Soldiers in Israel. From left to right are A. Wolf, secretary; Rubin Tencer, vice-president; Leo Drukmaler, recording secretary; M. Pessis, treasurer and Gordon Mendly, chairman for organization and groups, ASI, who presented the certificate.

Organizations and People

What's New

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gymnasiums, swimming pool and an elevator for the handicapped.

Ted Zubata has been appointed chairman of the building committee. Serving with him will be **Rabbi Abraham Soffer, Charles Nagel, David Sefton, Sam Shainhouse, Arthur Tannenbaum, Ruth Zaionz, Louis Weisfeld, Marvin Katz, Sepp Hannikainen, Henry Koschitzky, Irving Boigon, John Daniels, Harold Dessen, Didi Urbach, Morris Kaufman, Janice Langer, Abraham Flatt, Dr. Bernard Green, Israel Mida.**

Associated will celebrate its 80th anniversary during 1987 and will formally dedicate the Leslie school on Nov. 8.

ANOREXIA/BULIMIA SUPPORT

The Anorexia/Bulimia Family Support Group Society of Metropolitan Toronto and Area, holds its monthly meeting at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Toronto City Hall.

All those interested, are invited to attend this informative-sharing meeting.

For additional information call 789-4940.

GIFT AND CRAFT SHOW

Simcha Chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, is planning its Second Annual Gift and Craft Show at Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8.

There will be a silent auction and door prizes.

Included will be acrylic frames, jewelery, pantyhose, children's novelties, purses, sweatsuits, sweaters and other great gift items for birthdays or anniversaries — something for everyone.

Refreshments and baked goods will be sold.

Admission is $1.

Proceeds will help the educational and cultural work of Hadassah-WIZO day care centres.

For further information contact Cheryl Bernknopf, 499-0934.

EXTREMITIES AT LEAH POSLUNS

William Mastrosimone's Extremities, at the Leah Posluns Theatre Jan. 29 - Feb. 21, is set in a rustic New Jersey home shared by three young working women. It is a powerful, explicit depiction of an attempted rape and the violent chain reaction which is released, as well as the moral questions arising from the experience.

Award winning actress **Susan Hogan**, (TV's Night Heat, Jessica) stars as **Marjorie**, who is at home alone when **Raul**, played by **Robert Morelli**, enters and begins his assault.

For tickets and more details, call 630-6752 or any BASS outlet. Group prices are available and there is an infrared hearing system.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE SCHOOL

Leah Posluns Theatre School is still accepting registration for children's courses in Creative Drama and teens' courses in Acting.

For adults there is the Voice Workshop and a special course, Professionalize Yourself — for business managers, executives and lawyers.

Phone **Janet or Rose** now, at 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271, for more information.

RICHMOND HILL/OAK RIDGES PW

Pioneer Women Na'amat welcomes all women 28-35 to the next meeting of its new Richmond Hill — Oak Ridges chapter at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26.

Enjoy warm hospitality with innovative programming.

For further information call 636-5425 days, or 764-0565 evenings.

WINTER CLOTHING SALE

The auxiliary of the North York Branch of the Ontario Humane Society is having its annual Half-Price Winter Sale at the Thrift Shop, 300 Wilson Ave. (just west of Bathurst) 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 24.

Total proceeds from this sale will be used to care for animals at the Animal Shelter in North York.

CREATING A BOOK

The Jewish Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, and the Jewish Public Library, are co-sponsoring a program entitled, Creating a Book: Reflections of Two Authors, with **Edmond Wise Lipsitz** and **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg**. Moderator is **Rabbi Bernard Baskin.** This is scheduled for 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1 in the Lipa Green Building, 4th floor.

To inquire further call 635-2883, ext. 151.

ARTISTS IN BENEFIT CONCERT

Ezrath Nashim, The Jerusalem Hospital for Psychiatric and Geriatric Treatment and Rehabilitation, presents outstanding artists contralto **Maureen Forrester**, violist **Rivka Golani**, pianist **Patricia Parr** and clarinetist **James Campbell**, in concert 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4 in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Tickets, $18 each, are available at the Leah Posluns Theatre and all BASS outlets, The Negev Bookstore, 3509 Bathurst St ., Israel's Judaica Centres, 975 Eglinton Ave. W. and Wilmington Plaza, or phone 630-4253. VISA is accepted.

Proceeds are to be used for research into Alzheimer's Disease at Ezrath Nashim Hospital.

YEHORAM GAON IN CONCERT

Israeli star of the films Kazablan and Operation Thunderbolt, Yehoram Gaon, appears in concert 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 28 and 29 at Minkler Auditorium, 1750 Finch Ave. E.

Reserved tickets $25, $22 and $18, are available at Israel's, 789-2169 and Negev, 781-9356.

AFTER THE PLAY

Business and Professional Women's Network invites you to join the cast and a special guest speaker at a private reception following the 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 performance of the play, Extremities, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Cost $15, includes both play and reception.

Reservations and checks, made payable to Business and Professional Women's Network, United Jewish Appeal, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2, must be received by Jan. 27 as seating is limited.

ONTARIO CRAFTS COUNCIL

Ontario Crafts Council announces the following January and February exhibitions at The Craft Gallery, 346 Dundas St. W., and The Guild Shop, 140 Cumberland St.

Featured at The Craft Gallery until Feb. 1. is the show, Sheridan College: Twenty Years; Feb. 5 - March 1, **Kai Chan**, Instalation.

Showing at The Guild Shop through February, **Janet Knight** and **Mary Birtles**, Textiles, Sirius Glassworks.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, LONDON

Rabbi Dow Marmur, president of Kadima, the Canadian branch of Reform Zionists, will speak on Reform Jews — Does Israel Really Want Us? 7.30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8, at the London JCC.

Pesach is approaching. Members interested in having a congregational seder should contact **Judi Stoller**, 668-0990.

JSU/HILLEL U OF T

Here is a list of Jewish Students' Union/Hillel activities until the end of January.

Monday, Jan. 26 to Thursday, Jan. 29, **Ben Gurion** Centennial will be celebrated in Sidney Smith Lobby 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with videos, information and speaker. Tickets for the UJA Dance Extraordinaire will be available all this week at the JSU office.

Wednesday, Jan. 28, UJA table in Sidney Smith Lobby, 10 a.m.-2p.m. Make your pledge! Purchase your tickets for the dance on Saturday at the Richmond Hill Country Club. UJA phone blitz is Jan. 28 at the Lipa Green Building, 6-9 p.m. At 4 p.m., **Father William Kent Burtner** from Portland Ore. will discuss how You Could Be Next! Your naivety makes you vulnerable to cult activity on campus. Lecture is in Media Room 179, University College, U of T.

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Thursday, Jan. 29, UJA table is in Sidney Smith Lobby 10 a.m.-2 p.m. UJA phone blitz is 6-9 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31, is the annual political action conference on Morality and Politics. Topics will include involvement in campus politics, accountability of government; Israel and the West Bank, Israeli and Canadian party politics, morality and the expediency of censorship. Cost for the weekend is $12 with JSU card, $15, without (includes food and accommodation). Cost for Friday night only is $6 with card, $7 without. Reserve by Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Saturday, Jan. 31, Dance Extraordinaire is at 8.30 p.m. in Richmond Hill Country Club. Proceeds go to the United Jewish Appeal Campus Campaign. Tickets are available at the JSU office.

ORT PROGRAMS

Creative Parenting — To be a parent is a rewarding experience, but can also be a challenge. If you would like to improve your parenting skills, this is the program for you. There are eight weekly sessions, 7.15 p.m. sharp, to 9.15 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 5 - March 26, The course is conducted by a trained Adlerian parent educator. Space is limited. To inquire further call **Marcy Gilbert**, 787-0339.

Not Just Another Group - Toronto Women's ORT invites you to attend its first Hebrew speaking chapter. If the Hebrew language is your mother tongue, your hobby, or just a language in which you like to converse, this is your group.

Women who are interested should call **Kati Harari** 738-8653 or Marci Gilbert, 787-0297.

Thornhill Women's Group, Toronto Women's ORT, in response to its overwhelming growth in the area, is instituting yet another women's chapter in Thornhill. The first program will be Wednesday, Feb. 4. If you want to get involved or would like details, call **Sally Waldman**, 881-4252, or Marcy Gilbert at the ORT office, 787-0297.

THEATRE DU P'TIT BONHEUR

Georges Feydeau's 3-act play, Le Systeme Ribadier, starring **Raymond Accolas, Marie-Elaine Berthiaume, Diane Dubeau, Paul Latreille, Daniel Legault** and **Jean Maheux**, will be presented by Theatre du P'tit Bonheur, 57 Adelaide St. E., Feb. 3 - March 1.

Performances are Tuesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m. (except for opening night on Feb. 5 at 7.30 p.m.) and Sunday matinees at 2.30 p.m.

Tickets are $7.50 to $14 (discounts for groups, seniors and students). Call the box office, 392-5193.

AMATEUR NIGHT

Penguin Restaurant, 824 Sheppard Ave. W. (at Wilmington), is having an Amateur Night 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4. If you are interested, phone 633-9628.

OPPORTUNITY PROG. VOLUNTEERS

Opportunity for Advancement provides programs across Metro for women on social assistance. Volunteer group leaders are needed Tuesday and Thursday mornings to assist experienced staff in implementing the program. On-the-job training and ongoing support are provided. Volunteers may also participate in agency training and staff development.

If you would like to become involved with this worthwhile organization, please call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Babies and adults are invited to enjoy Books for Babies, a program of books, songs, fingerplays and games suitable for ages 23 months and under. Come along to Don Mills Library, 888 Eglinton Ave. E. (at Don Mills), 9.45-10.30 a.m., Jan. 24, for an enjoyable hour on your own or bring your baby along. Please pre-register, 495-3436.

Book and Film Discussion, 9.30-11.30 a.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 28-April 29, includes reading and discussion of selected titles of world literature, fiction and non-fiction, old and new, as well as screening and discussion of short and feature length films. This is at Downsview Library, 2793 Keele St. (Keele and Wilson). Please pre-register. Phone 495-3438.

for seniors

Come out to the next **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** gathering at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, to see the wonderfully offbeat film Cocoon, with **Don Ameche.** Coffee and cake will be served. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50. Please note, this meeting starts a half-hour earlier than usual.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is continuing with these two weekly programs: Mondays, 10.30 a.m., folkdancing; Thursdays, 10.30 a.m., dancercise class. Painting classes resume on Feb. 25. The trip to California and Las Vegas takes place May 6-24. For any information call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

The Chai Dancers of the JCC Northern Branch Senior Adult Services Department, invite you to a special square dance session for seniors, with guest teacher **Stew Shacklette** from Kentucky, 1-3.30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2. This is at the Leah Posluns Theatre Studio, 4588 Bathurst St. Cost, $3 per person, includes instruction and refreshments. For information and tickets call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 232.

Are you interested in stimulating conversation, warm atmosphere and new friends? **Coffee House 60** is the place for you, 1 p.m. every Tues-

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SPANNING THE GENERATION GAP

Annie Feldman, 80, joined 15 other residents of the Baycrest Home for the Aged recently, in visiting children at North York General Hospital and bringing them crocheted and knitted dolls and animals. As the photo shows, her handmade gift was a big hit with this young patient. This is the second year the Baycrest residents have given toys they make in arts and crafts classes to children hospitalized over the holidays.

RENT CONTROL TALK

At a recent Beth Torah Brotherhood Sunday morning breakfast, guest speaker Harvey Hecker (centre) expressed his views on the pros and cons of rent controls. He is seen here with his wife Sheila and Joe Nefsky, program chairman. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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Organizations and People

What's New

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day at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre.

A representative from Greenpeace, the international environment group, will speak to the **Good Age Club**, 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22 at the Bloor JCC.

Come to the opening session of the Good Age Club's Good Health, Good Living series, 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29. Speaker will be **Mary Thomas** from St. John Ambulance, who will explain Health Changes in Senior Years.

Refreshments are served at all these Bloor JCC senior gatherings.

The **Joy of Theatre Planning Committee** at the Wagman Centre, suggests you book early to see the play Zastrozzi by **Bob White**, 7.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Factory Theatre Lab, 125 Bathurst St. Tickets are $6.40 each. Please enrol at the Wagman Centre desk. Only those who reply with payment will be considered registered.

Respiratory Disorders in the Later Years will be considered when Mount Sinai Hospital staff physician **Dr. Anna Day** combines a talk and slide show presentation 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 in the Assembly Room of the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. To attend, register at the Wagman Centre office by Jan. 27. For further information call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre in Don Mills, is holding an RRSP and Annuities Workshop 1 p.m., Jan. 31. Retirement consultant **Eric Sharp**, will discuss the various aspects of the Registered Retirement Saving Plans and will examine annuity options. The workshop is free and open to everyone.

Registration is limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. For more information or to reserve, call 447-7244. Taylor Place is a non-profit charitable organization located at 1 Overland Dr.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 and Over and On Their Own, has slated a meeting for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 in the Music Room. **Bernie Farber** from Canadian Jewish Congress will talk on Confronting Jews for Jesus. This is for members only. For additional information call **Joy Friedman**, 225-2112.

Seeking Relief From Arthritic Pain, a health lecture series, continues at 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 in the synagogue with, Aids for Living with Arthritis. Speaker is **Marlene Abramson** of Home Health Care.

At the next Wednesday Social, 1.30 p.m., Jan. 28, enjoy a fun afternoon with **Jeff King** from Troubadors Unlimited. Price is $1.25 for members, $1.75, non-members

It's the movie Cocoon, with a cast of great oldtimers, to be shown 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Admission is $1 for members, $1.50, non-members.

Bingo continues every Sunday at 12.30 p.m. in the Music Room. Admission is 50¢ for members, $1, non-members.

singles

Mississauga Singles offer you two ways to get involved. Come to the Oneg Shabbat at Solel Congregation (corner of Erin Mills and Folkway), or help organize a singles group. For details call **Jerry**, 821-7214.

The Japan I Discovered the Day My Son Got Married in Tokyo, is the theme for a special slide presentation with commentary, by **Luis Fuchs**, at the next meeting of **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group**, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 in Beth Tikvah Synagogue downstairs social hall, 3080 Bayview Ave. Some of the slides were recently shown on TV channel 47. During the interview, Fuchs declared, " In Japan I had a singular experience." Chai members can look forward to a similar reaction.

Co-ed Judaic Discussion Group ages 20-30, meets once every three weeks to discuss diverse issues in Judaism, Jewish life and contemporary issues. For more information contact **Dana**, 782-1588 or **Janice**, 485-0859. (Please keep trying).

Club Kalanit, Na'amat Pioneer Women, invites young professional women, ages 26-35, to its next program, Jewish Humor, with **Julius Sokoloff**, on Thursday, Jan. 29. For additional details call 636-5425 days, or 881-5081 evenings.

Total Living Mature Singles are having a Midwinter Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at Earl Bales Park Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard), featuring popular deejay **Don Del Greco**. There will be refreshments and prizes, and everyone is welcome.

Calling all enthusiastic volunteers! **Bloor JCC**, (corner of Spadina and Bloor), welcomes you to a meeting, 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29 in the main boardroom, to set forth a new, exciting direction for young professionals, students and business people at your Y. Are you interested? Give **Robert Cohen** a call at 783-2018. Please leave a message.

JCC Valley Singles Network is all set for its Snowflake Dance, 8.30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Join in a midwinter get together and beat the blahs by dancing to the music of a dynamic deejay. There will be door prizes plus refreshments and good times, all for $4, members with cards, $6, non-members.

Singles Support Group meets 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 28 at The Valley, to hear **Allen Simons**, who will examine Power: How to Use it in your Personal and Business Life. Cost is $3 to members with cards, $4, non-members.

Join the new co-ed group, **Club Jericho** (ages 25-40) whose aim is to hold social, cultural and religious functions geared to our Jewish heritage. For more information on the group, time and place of its next event, phone **Stan**, at 781-6027 or **Sandra**, 787-3465. No Shabbat calls.

Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25, **Club Moriah** (ages 20-40), will attend a screening of Shoah, Part 2, at Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W., at Bathurst. This is a 5-hour docudrama — including intermission — featuring witnesses and survivors of the Holocaust. Meet at 12.15 p.m. sharp opposite the ticket collector's booth on the upper level of Bathurst subway station. Admission to the film is $5. Everyone is invited for a discussion of the theme, and an informal dinner for a nominal contribution.

Cross-country skiing and skating on weekends begins this month. For more details on these events phone **Jeffrey**, 783-3019 or **Ray**, 638-6005 (evenings, weekends) or leave a message on tape.

Metro Toronto Singles plans a Weekend Singles Party, 8 p.m., Friday Jan. 30 in the Convention Hall of the Triumph Hotel, 2737 Keele St. (near Highway 401). Cover charge is $8. For further information call **Sid**, 222-7111.

at the jcc

Jewish Community Centre, Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Senior Adult Services Department, welcomes everyone to a program at 1 p.m.in the Seniors Lounge, Tuesday, Jan. 27, presented by Metro Safety Council. Security in the Home and on the Streets, is the important subject to be considered. Refreshments will be served, and there is no charge.

JCC Northern Branch, offers Pre-Marital Wonders, four workshops for couples approaching marriage. These are designed to enhance your knowledge on issues and topics relevant to this special time in your life. Topics include Communicating, 7.30-9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 2; Basics of Real Estate and Family Law, 7.30-9 p.m., Feb. 9; Finances, 7.30-9 p.m., Feb. 16; Travel/Honeymoons, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.(brunch), Sunday, Feb. 22. Cost is $20 per couple, JCC members, $25 per couple, non-members, for all workshops including brunch. Registration will be accepted over the phone before Jan. 28. For more information call **Mimi Mincer**, 636-1880, ext. 260.

Children the Challenge, is an 8-week study group which focuses on the book, Children the Challenge, by **Rudolph Dreikurs**. Parents will get together to share and exchange ideas based upon the principles expressed in the book. Instructor is **Paula Mittleman**. Classes are 8-9.30 p.m. Monday evenings, or 9.30-11 a.m. Thursday mornings at the **JCC Valley N/E Branch**, 7015 Leslie St. Fee is $50 per person, $75 per couple for members, $65 per person, $100 per couple, non-members. To inquire further call **Rose Shapiro**, 889-0813.

Israeli Folkdancing - Get in the Mood-L'rikud, is a folkdance program, 8.30 p.m. Tuesday nights at **The Valley**, 7015 Leslie St., for people who love to dance and feel it is an effortless way to exercise. The most important part of dancing is to enjoy yourself. You don't have to be a great dancer, just learn the steps and have fun. Instructor is **Sofie Azan**. Admission is $3 at the door.

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Organizations and People

Conference draws 1,200 students

Scharansky attends meet

JERUSALEM —

Anatoly Natan Scharansky headed up a who's who of Jewish leadership present and participating in the recent World Union of Jewish Students' conference here.

Some 1,200 students from around the world attended the 4-day symposium on the theme Creating Commitment to a Jewish Future, at the Diplomat Hotel.

And the first conference in Israel (the largest international gathering of Jewish students), was a success said Eli Cohen, national director of Network Canada, in an interview following the parley.

The WUJS (an international coordinating body linking the various student unions) conference, he says, drew students from 40 countries. The largest groups, about 750, came from South Africa and Australia, then on their summer breaks.

Canada sent about 25 participants, and the U.S., 20. Cohen adds that representatives also came from Zaire (1), Costa Rica (2), India, Chile, Argentina, and even Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

The conference included addresses by visiting lecturers, seminars and workshops, and a trip to the Kotel for a candlelighting ceremony for Soviet Jewry led by former Refusenik Eliyahu Essas who now lives in Israel.

Major speakers included:

• **President Chaim Herzog,** who spoke about his roots in the Jewish student movement and the need to bring Jewish students to Israel and aliya.

• **Foreign Minister Shimon Peres** and **Aryeh Dulzin,** chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Executives, who spoke on building a Jewish foreign policy. The session they addressed also viewed a videotape of World Jewish Congress president **Edgar Bronfman** speaking about the need for student activism.

• **Martin Gilbert,** author and Holocaust historian; and **Vladimir Margarik,** whose, son **Alexei** languishes in a Soviet jail, discussed the new generation of Refuseniks. Also speaking on the plight of Soviet Jews was **Glenn Richter,** founder and director of the Students Struggle for Soviet Jewry; and there was an account of a trip they made to the USSR by **David Makovsky** and **Moshe Ronen,** president of Network.

• **Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir,** on the Jewish state and the state of the Jews; and **Israel Singer,** secretary-general of the WJC, on the need for idealistic renewal among student activists.

• **Natan Scharansky,** who spoke about the urgency of continuing to protest for Soviet Jews. And who delighted the students with an anecdote from prison in which he told how he coerced the camp commander to unknowingly say Amen to a Hebrew blessing over Chanukah candles he made asking to be in Israel "next year." The commander had to do it, Scharansky said, or the world famous Prisoner of Conscience would continue his hunger strike.

The general mood of the convention was upbeat, reports Cohen, who notes that students from other countries were very interested in last year's Canadian Caravan for Soviet Jewry that he organized with Leora Silver.

Especially interested in the Caravan project, says Karen Levitt, director of the Israel desk of Network Canada, was Adrienne Brown. Brown, a South Australia regional organizer, was shopping for ideas that could be used at the World's fair in Brisbane in 1988.

Levitt adds that Howard Sackstein, chairman of the South African Union of Jewish Students, says he regularly finds passages cut out of the group's newsletter by a censor, he believes.

At a meeting held following the conference (Jan. 1, 2), Yossi Abramowitz succeeded David Makovsky as world chairman of WUJS, and resolutions were passed on oppressed Jewry, condemning terrorism, and criticizing Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Network, reports Cohen, presented a petition to Prime Minister Shamir requesting that the issue of Ethiopian Jewry be given more prominence; and initiated a petition to the Vatican and Polish government asking for removal of the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz.

Cohen says even more could have been done at the conference, but he judged it worthwhile because "it brought students together to share problems and solutions."

Scientists find tomato killer

JERUSALEM —

The virus that helped trigger Israel's drastic tomato shortage has been isolated by scientists at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem faculty of agriculture.

The discovery is especially significant given the importance of tomatoes to Israeli agriculture. When tomatoes became scarce earlier this winter, the Israeli government considered importing them so dered importing them so anxious consumers sumer price index by buying them at any price.

A large percentage of the country's tomatoes is grown in the Jordan Valley, where most of the damage from Tomato Yellow Leaf Virus occurred.

The virus causes heavy losses to tomato growers in the Middle East, and it is feared that it may eventually spread to southern Europe.

A Hebrew University research team, led by Dr. Hanoch Csosnek of the University's department of field crops, vegetables and genetics, used genetic engineering techniques to isolate the virus.

The Hebrew University team is now studying the structure and ways the virus functions so they can eventually create tomato plants able to withstand the disease.

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About People

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TRUDY SHECTER APPOINTED

Trudy Shecter has been appointed coordinator of the New Israel Fund of Canada, an organizational partnership between Israelis and Diaspora Jews, which supports projects not usually assisted by other groups. Some of these are women's rights, Jewish-Arab peace efforts and Ashkenazi-Sephardi cooperation.

Trudy Shecter

Torontonian Shecter, a graduate of the School of Mangement at Simmons College, Boston, holds degrees in Contemporary Jewish Studies from Brandeis University, as well as a University of Toronto humanities degree, and has also studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Her business career includes positions as casework assistant for Jewish Family and Children's Service in Boston, operating manager of Toronto Bedding Company Ltd., assistant brand manager at Proctor and Gamble Inc., brand manager, Coca Cola Foods Canada Inc., and marketing consultant (employed on a project basis) with Laventhol and Horwath.

Actively involved in the community, she is a founding member of United Jewish Appeal Business and Professional Women's Network, an executive member of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and was a major organizer of the first Soviet Jewry Committee in Toronto.

GARDNER ON POLICE BOARD

North York Controller **Norm Gardner** has been nominated as a member on the Metropolitan Toronto Board of Commissioners of Police, an association which influences the policies of the Metro Toronto Police Force.

Gardner, 48, born in Toronto, has had a varied career ranging from employment with the Toronto Star, several years with a pharmaceutical company, and 10 years in the Canadian army reserve. He is president of Steeles Bakery.

He has served as alderman and controller on North York City Council and on the Metropolitan Toronto Council.

He is a member of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, B'nai B'rith and the Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

North York Controller Norm Gardner, recently nominated as a member on the Metropolitan Toronto Board of Commissioners of Police is shown with his wife, Gail.

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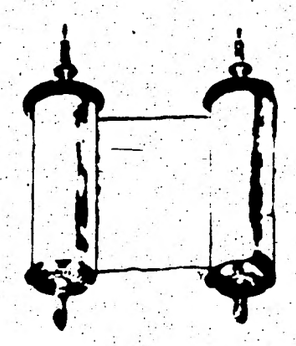

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Shemot

No one will ever destroy the Jewish people. But they don't stop trying, do they?

The Empress Theresa issued many decrees against the Jews, and the community decided to send a distinguished emissary to plead their cause.

The emissary appeared before the queen, and argued the Jews' cause, raising his voice higher and higher, almost to a shout.

"Why do you raise your voice so?" she asked. "It is not polite."

"Because it is not my voice alone that you hear," he answered with feeling, "but the voice of all our suffering people speaking through me."

So also — explained the Meir Aynay Chachomim — was the story of Pharoah's daughter, who discovered little Moses floating in a basket in the Nile.

She opened the box. A child lay crying and she exclaimed: "mee'yaldei ha'ivrim zeh . . . this one is from the Hebrew children."

Why use that expression, "from the Hebrew children!" Let her just say: "this is a Jewish child." Why mention all the children? But it was a strange cry she heard. Loud! A voice of a na'ar, a full, deep, mature cry!

How? But it was not just Moses' voice she heard, but the voice of all the suffering children crying through him.

* * *

She was a beautiful person, Batyah, the daughter of Pharoah.

She had gone down to the Nile to bathe away her impurity and idolatry — and God sent her a great mitzvah.

A strange incident, wrapped in mystery:

She saw a basket floating in the Nile, and she sent her "amatah" to retrieve it. What is "amatah?" Literally, it means her maid servant.

But the rabbis interpreted it differently. She sent out her "Amatah," her arm, and lo! Her arm suddenly stretched out, so she could reach across the water and grab the basket.

A miracle! But how did she know that a miracle would take place? Comments the Kotzker Rebbe: It shows that when there is a job to be done, a mitzvah to be undertaken, we have to try, without logic, without too much reason, attempt the impossible — and God finds a way for us.

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Last week marked the 42nd anniversary of the mysterious disappearance of the tzaddik, Raoul Wallenberg, who risked his life to save countless Jews. When he was offered money to gain passports, he refused saying: "I am doing it for the mitzvah."

What mitzvahs are there lying around now in Canada? In Israel? In the world? Who will be the daughter of Pharoah today? Who will be the Raoul Wallenberg today?

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Pharaoh's daughter opened up the basket, and "vatirayhu . . . she saw and he was crying. . . ."

She saw? It should say she **heard?** What did she see? Taught our rabbis: she saw the Shechinah there with him, the holy spirit. A Jew must walk with the Shechinah over his head, shining from his face, doing holy things, doing mitzvahs, saving the world.

What else is there? Shabbat Shalom.

"Temptation to play God overwhelming"

Regulation of genetics called for

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —

The good, the bad and the ugly sides of genetic engineering were discussed at a recent symposium at the Leah Posluns Theatre sponsored by the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

The symposium involved a panel of four experts representing medical, scientific, legal and religious viewpoints on genetic engineering. The moderator was David Schatzky, host of CBC Toronto's Radio Noon.

Dr. Louis Siminovitch, director of the Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute, stated that genetic engineering allowed geneticists to identify defective genes responsible for many diseases and physical and mental handicaps.

Siminovitch added that gene therapy, the replacing of defective genes with normal ones, would be possible in the future. "However, we don't know if there will be secondary effects to the body in doing gene therapy," he said.

Dr. Keith Dorrington, vice-president of research and technology for Connaught Labs Ltd., spoke of how genetic engineering has much to offer medicine and agriculture with minimal risk.

For example, he stated, insulin from the human pancreas, better for diabetics than the insulin from the pancreas of an animal, could be produced in larger amounts.

Commenting on the potential for abuse, Dorrington said: "Mistakes will be made and disasters will happen, as in all technologies, and the environment (for research) will become more regulated."

Prof. Bernard Dickens of the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto said the Medical Research Council of Canada has regulations for research. "Private research groups, craving for profits, may stray but there is no proof of this," he said.

Dickens also spoke of legal issues that could develop from genetic engineering. For example, if a doctor knew a newborn boy had a 50% chance of dying by age 50, did the boy have the right to know or not to know?

"Who else has the right to know?" he asked. "The potential spouse? Employers? Insurance companies?"

Rabbi Dow Marmur of the Holy Blossom Temple stated his concern about possible misuse of genetic engineering. "The temptation to play God is overwhelming for an individual," he said.

Marmur called for regulations to prevent abuse and proposed that geneticists assist in creating regulations by sharing all implications of genetic engineering with the public. "People have reason to be distrustful of governments and experts," he said.

As for possible disasters in genetic engineering, Siminovitch said: "Scientists are now trying to grapple with issues as they go along, and are not concerned with major catastrophes, only that things be done properly."

He later added, "A million experiments have (already) been done without a problem."

This prompted moderator Schatzky to remark, "So we are still waiting for our Chernobyl of genetic engineering."

Dieting cautions urged

By
ESTHER FISHER

TORONTO —

Be wary of diets that promise rapid weight loss, says the Ontario Dietetic Association.

A diet providing less than 1,000 calories is likely to be lacking in some nutrients and may result in too rapid loss of weight. A gradual weight loss of 1 to 2 pounds per week is recommended. Losing more weight than this could result in nutrient deficiency, loss of muscle tissue rather than fat tissue, fatigue.

Long term weight control requires a permanent change in eating habits and exercise patterns to promote a healthy lifestyle. Diets providing less than 1,000 calories need constant supervision by a registered professional dietician and a doctor.

This is one suggestion from guidelines developed by the Ontario Dietetic Association to help you make a better decision in selecting a weight loss program that will lead to better health.

ODA also advises that your physician should know you are on a diet in order to avoid any risk to your health because of a medical condition. And, your present eating habits, physical condition and nutrient requirements should be assessed before the diet is planned for you. The plan can build on your good eating habits and work towards changing the poorer ones. If it is tailored to your way of life, there will be fewer changes to make and more enjoyment for you.

"Needless expense"

A good weight reduction diet, based on Canada's Food Guide, can provide all the nutrients you need. Vitamin-mineral supplements should not be used to replace food or correct poor eating habits. Special diet food products "add a needless expense" to your food budget with questionable benefits to your health or weight loss, says ODA.

As well, the Ontario Dietetic Association says: "High pressure salesmanship, such as contracts, special packages, often lead to excessive payment for unnecessary or unused services. Beware of magical claims such as dissolving fat or cellulite. There is no scientific evidence that any herb or chemical can dissolve fat or move it from one part of the body to another."

For additional information on healthy weight loss, contact a Registered Professional Dietitian providing counseling services in your area, a Registered Professional Dietitian at your local hospital, or the Public Health Nutritionist at your local Public Health Unit.

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Organizations and People

Discreet service aims at making people happy

Lonely and single? Give Jewish Dateline a try

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Looking for a date? One that will cost you $100.

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With 28,000 Jewish singles in Toronto between 18-65, there's plenty of work for all matchmakers. Jewish Dateline, however, is different. It's the big time, boasting a total of 500 current clients and more than 1,300 people who have used the service throughout its existence — far eclipsing the best poor old Sheindl in Rebzevits could ever hope to do.

Running the JD operations is singles consultant Debbie Cowitz, whose background in adult education gives her the ability to deal with the service's varied clientele.

Of the 500 current clients, about 60% are women, Cowitz says. Fifty percent of all JD participants, male and female, are between 28-35 years-of-age, 20% are between 21-27 and 20% are between 36-45.

Only 10% are more than 45, but Cowitz points to a recent match of a widower in his 60s to a widow in her 50s; a match so successful, wedding plans are already in the works.

Most of the 500 are business and professional people, and with so many different people, it's hard to generalize about dating preferences, she says.

But some common threads run through (subject, of course, to many exceptions): most men like slim women; women like men who look after their bodies, who are sensitive, confident and honest.

An important factor that keeps butting into interviews are the sometimes adamant instructions to make sure his or her dream date is a non-smoker. "People are becoming less tolerant," Cowitz says.

Where does Cowitz get all this information? Prospective clients fill out a 2-page questionnaire which lists their own attributes and asks them to spell out the qualities they'd like their dates to possess in a variety of areas: physical attributes, religious background, standards of kashruth, as well as a description of personality traits.

Clients are asked to rate their attributes, whether they are tolerant or intolerant, submissive or domineering, creative, easygoing, cautious or spontaneous, romantic or not.

Then, each client meets with Cowitz for a 2-hour interview after which she sizes up the client, his or her expectations, determines if they're reasonable and then attempts to match him or her with others on file.

Have I got a girl for you. Debbie Cowitz checks her files for what hopefully will turn into a good match. [Paul Lungen photo]

A few phone calls later — and $100 — and it's all set up. You're given at least one name of a date and told to "have a good time."

While marriage is not ostensibly the only goal sought by JD, the organization boasts that it's facilitated eight marriages to date and brought together a dozen other couples who are enjoying long term relationships.

Of course, not all dates will end in a walk to the chupah. Many join JD only hoping to expand their circle of friends. Others are looking for Mr. or Mrs. Right.

"This is another option," says Cowitz, "another resource in the community for meeting people. It's not a last chance saloon."

To get a date, all that's required is an interview and $100. Toronto Jewish Congress underwrites much of the cost of the operation, a state of affairs that's not surprising considering TJC's concern with intermarriage in the community.

For more information about Jewish Dateline, call Cowitz at (416) 789-0110.

Temple puts conditions on its mixed marriages

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
The board of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom has resolved to continue its policy of permitting its rabbi to perform mixed marriages under certain conditions.

The vote was taken because the Reform congregation is currently looking for a rabbi to replace Rabbi Kenneth Segel who is leaving.

The temple's first vice-president Maurice Miller said a large majority of the board members voted in favor of the status quo. A small number wanted different criteria or a more liberal policy on mixed marriage, he said, and abstained from voting.

The main points of the policy are: the Jewish partner of the couple should be a member, or the child of a member, of the temple and both partners should follow a course of Jewish studies before the wedding. The couple will be asked to raise any children as Jews and the non-Jewish partner will be encouraged to consider conversion.

Miller said it was decided not to put a time framework on how far in advance of the marriage temple membership should be required.

The policy also stipulates that the rabbi should not co-officiate with a non-Jewish clergyman.

This policy was ushered in by Segel who took a more conservative approach to mixed marriage than his predecessors, Rabbis Bernard Bloomstone and the late Harry Stern. Segel, who came to the temple from a congregation in the New Orleans area in the summer of 1984, is leaving by the time his contract expires this June.

Miller said the temple has received "a good number" of applicants from rabbis, almost all Americans, for the position and he is confident the congregation will have a rabbi who "meets its needs" by June.

He indicated at least one candidate Emanu-El-Beth Shalom found attractive turned down the job because he would not perform mixed marriages.

Writing in a recent issue of the temple's bulletin, Miller observed that how to handle mixed marriages has been difficult to resolve "because of the sensitivities that this serious subject raises in our hearts and in our minds.

"There are strong feelings by a hard core of our past leadership who favor mixed marriages. There are feelings, just as strong, by those who oppose mixed marriages."

The temple, a 105-year-old congregation with about 1,000 member families, today has been reviewing many of its policies. A Long Range Planning Committee was formed by the board last fall, under the chairmanship of Emanuel Weiner, retired executive director of Allied Jewish Community Services, to examine where the congregation is going as it enters its second century.

Some of the questions being addressed concern the kind of worship and spiritual leadership the congregation wants, strengthening the temple's image and attracting young people.

There is a discussion on whether the temple's services should become more traditional, Miller said, but the matter has been "left hanging in the air. It is a term that requires definition."

Miller said the LRPC is seeking to formulate policies that will reflect the wishes of the temple membership

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MISSISSAUGA, Ont. —
A newly formed committee will provide the public with all available resource material relating to Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

Mike Janecek, chairperson of the Mississauga Wallenberg Committee, said the main purpose of the committee is to help high school students who wish to study Wallenberg's life. The material will be available in four languages — English, French, Swedish and Czech — and will be distributed free of charge.

Janecek said that so far over 40 books have been published in the free world about Wallenberg. While the committee does not have access to all material, Janecek said it has a list of libraries where the publications can be found.

The committee consists of 12 members from various ethnocultural communities. Among those invited to serve on the committee is Rabbi Lawrence Englander of Solel Congregation in Mississauga and Ola Ullsten, Swedish ambassador to Canada.

For information on the committee call (416) 278-4116.

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Organizations and People

Gorbachev called a Defusenik

Journalist paints gloomy picture of Jewish life

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Jews in the West have an obligation to get involved on behalf of their brethren in embattled communities, says the national editor of Maclean's Magazine.

Michael Posner told a recent Breakfast Club meeting at Holy Blossom Temple that this obligation stems from the ability in the West to be Jews — a right that Jews in the Soviet Union and to a lesser extent those in Ethiopia don't possess.

Posner, who has visited both countries in the past 18 months, said that Mikhail Gorbachev talks a better game than his predecessors but during his term of office, emigration has decreased from a high of 51,000 in 1979 to 1,140 in 1985 and 943 in 1986.

The journalist said that Ethiopian Jews or Falashas see the West's efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry and are troubled. Even though 1985's Operation Moses airlifted thousand of Jews from the Sudanese desert and brought them to Israel, there are still between 15,000 and 30,000 Jews "in desperate circumstances" and who are living in squalor and terrible poverty.

Posner stressed that Soviet Jews fear the West will be duped by the relatively young Gorbachev — "the very model of the new Soviet man — educated, well-traveled, urbane, open to new ideas" — and his Madison Avenue public relations exercise in which high-profile Refuseniks and dissidents are being released.

"Gorbachev wants to defuse the issue. The Jews are Refuseniks; and he is a Defusenik."

The journalist said Jewish life in the Soviet Union is a contradiction in terms. Although there are groups who secretly study Hebrew, Torah and Jewish history, "for all practical purposes, there is no Jewish life as we know it in the West.

"Think of any aspect of your Jewish life here and I can guarantee you your brethren in the Soviet Union do not share it."

He quoted one Refusenik who told him, "The Soviets will not liquidate Jews outright as the Nazis did, but they are doing their level best to liquidate Judaism — to kill it off by assimilation."

Another told Posner that he is uncertain if the West's rallies "do us any positive good." But he added that the absence of rallies "would do us positive harm. It would be taken as a signal by Moscow and force us to assimilate."

Posner said that despite the odds, the pulse of Jewish aspiration and identity is strong even though Soviet Jews have had little or no Jewish education.

The new regulations, effective the first of the year, will make it harder than ever for Jews to emigrate, he said. In the past, family reunification was allowed on an invitation from a distant relative but now the letter must come from an immediate relative, many of whom are also Refuseniks.

Michael Posner

"Increasingly, Refuseniks are the nowhere people, trapped in limbo" for the most part scratching out a living on subsistence wages, working in menial jobs and seeing their children wasting the best and most productive years of their lives as they did.

He said there are several reasons why the kremlin won't let Jews leave. Among them is the fear of a groundswell of pressure from other groups, including Latvians, Lithuanians, Ukrainians and Estonians, to leave.

As well, the Jews of Russia provide a convenient focus and diversion for domestic discontents — "the historic scapegoat once again."

Posner said that the Falashas, or as they prefer to be called the Beta Israel, are better off from a religious standpoint but not from a material one. He described their conditions as primitive — grass huts, subsistence levels of food, unsanitized water and rags for clothes.

Because of Operation Moses, almost every family has an immediate relative living in Israel. He said that many Falashas, both in Ethiopia and Israel, believe that Jerusalem is *not doing enough* to rescue and reunite families.

Posner said some contend that because of social, labor and racial tensions generated by the arrival of the Ethiopians that Israel does not want more Falashas even if their government would allow an exodus.

While the Falashas are vulnerable to discrimination and anti-semitism, they face another danger — forced resettlement which the government is embarking upon to depopulate the so-called overcrowded northern provinces.

"So far it is not clear that significant numbers of Falashas have been among those moved. But there is a clear risk that at almost any time, the regime could begin to disperse the tightly-knit families and Jewish villages making future rescue all the more difficult."

He said that the Canadian government — because of its more than $100 million in aid to Ethiopia — has a fair degree of leverage over that country.

To get Ottawa to use it, the government needs to hear and see popular opinion pushing for action.

"Diplomats often say that if you have leverage in any situation, you either use it, or you lose it. Ottawa has it, but the government has to be convinced that it has a humanitarian obligation to act, to reunify families separated by the previous rescue operation."

Posner said Westerners can't "allow these people to die out like what happened to the Jews in China. Get involved now. Don't let these people die."

Hospital helps smokers switch

TORONTO —

Mount Sinai Hospital is giving its employees an incentive to quit smoking.

The hospital, in a press release, said it will reimburse half the cost of a $75 stop-smoking program to employees who are smoke-free one year after taking the course.

Theme of the program, which is being run at the hospital as part of the Lung Association's Countdown group smoking cessation plan, is "We love your lungs ... so we want to help smokers quit."

Anyone who registered for the program between Jan. 12 and Jan. 23 is eligible to win a free course.

Mount Sinai president and chief executive officer Gerald Turner said that although smoking is a difficult habit to break, "it is the leading preventable cause of illness and death.

"We hope offering a smoking cessation program right here in the hospital will be a health incentive for our staff and the community we serve."

The hospital has had a policy to restrict smoking to only designated areas since 1975. Patients are permitted to smoke in their rooms only with the written permission from their physicians. As well, tobacco products are not sold on hospital property.

As part of Weedless Wednesday's (Jan. 21) activities at the hospital, the Lung Association administered breathing tests to employees to monitor carbon monoxide levels. Carbon monoxide is a major component of tobacco smoke.

Another event was the Cold Turkey Challenge, where everyone who handed over a cigarette received a raffle ticket on a frozen turkey.

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Organizations and People

With Jonathan Sussman (left), who returned to South Africa for his bar mitzvah are his grandparents (from left) Nettie Horowitz, Monty Horowitz and Rae Sussman.

Jews remain unscathed in S. African racial strife

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

While racial strife exists throughout South Africa, there is no religious conflict evident between Jews and non-Jews, says a former resident of Johannesburg.

"I don't think there is a Jewish problem because of the Black problem," said Pat Sussman, who recently returned from South Africa where her son Jonathan's bar mitzvah was held. "However, if there was no Black problem, there could be a Jewish one."

Sussman said she and her husband Trevor left South Africa in 1978 with their children Jonathan and Nicole because they didn't see how they could provide 20 years of "unbroken education" for their children without having to move around the country. Leaving Johannesburg for England, the Sussmans made the move to Toronto 4½ years ago to provide a better life for their children.

Sussman said that when they returned to Johannesburg in December she thought she would learn more about the political climate than is available in the Canadian media. However she said government censorship of local media prevents "whites" from learning what is going on in their own country.

She said that while "everyone wants to leave" the country, no one is talking about it anymore.

Her family's decision to hold a bar mitzvah in Johannesburg was prompted by her son who wanted to spend it with his South African relatives.

The bar mitzvah was held at an Orthodox synagogue and a luncheon attended by 140 people followed at her sister's house.

She said no special precautions were needed at the synagogue as Jews are treated like any other whites.

At Holy Blossom Temple

Series studies biblical matriarchs

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Most people are familiar with the biblical story of Sarah, Abraham's wife who at a late age, gave birth to Isaac. Fewer people are aware of other biblical matriarchs, such as Deborah and Chana, and their contributions to Jewish history.

With that in mind, Rabbi Deborah Brin of the Reconstructionist Congregation Darchei Noam will present an adult studies series entitled *Discovering our matriarchs: Women in the Bible.*

Running consecutive Monday nights from Jan. 26 to Feb. 23 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Holy Blossom Temple, Brin will explore the roles played by prominent women in the Bible from a sociological point of view.

Brin will examine the social and cultural factors existing in ancient times that shaped the world the matriarchs lived in. From that point of view, the impact Deborah had as a judge, warrior and prophetess was "extraordinary," Brin said.

The primary source material will be the Bible, of course, with other information coming from archeological, historical and sociological works.

"There are a lot of women doing this kind of scholarship to understand the dynamics of how we came to be this way as a people, what the role of women is, how women and men interact and who we're going to be as a people in the future," Brin said.

Though not aimed exclusively at women, the course allows women to look at a history that is usually presented from a male perspective, Brin said.

"The more we understand about each other, the better off we all are," she said.

For more information about the course, contact the Religious School Office of the Holy Blossom Temple at 789-3297.

N'Shei Chabad plans meet

TORONTO —

Early registration for the Lubavitch Women's League, N'Shei Chabad's 25th annual regional convention will be held Feb. 1 at the Chabad Community Centre in Thornhill.

Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Those women who register early will get a break on the price.

The cost of the entire weekend including sessions, meals and accommodation, if needed, is $100, which will rise to $120. Cost of the Saturday night melava malka and the Sunday afternoon banquet is $60, but will be priced at $30 and $35, respectively, after Feb. 1.

The theme of this year's conference is Minding the Family Business.

Highlights of the program include Shabbat sessions involving workshops (some offered in French), services and meals at the Chabad centre.

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Your appeal must be forwarded, either on a Notice of Appeal Form or as a letter, to the Regional Registrar of the Assessment Review Board on or before February 26, 1987, noting your property address, roll number and the reason for the appeal.

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Organizations and People

Making young Jews welcome at shul "saves" them

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Young people wind up at Jews for Jesus because they are made to feel more welcome there than in most synagogues, says Toronto-born youth worker and rabbinic student Howard Shub.

Shub, who worked with Jews for Jesus victims in New York and as a B'nai B'rith Hillel director in Melbourne, Australia, is applying this "hard-learned lesson" in his own Conservative synagogue in Virginia Beach, Va.

"We welcome any stranger who comes in with open arms," he told The Canadian Jewish News recently. "We wish them a good Shabbes, give them an aliya, and let them know they are appreciated.

"We've received many thanks from them, as well as a few new members. Something as simple as saying 'good Shabbes' has brought young people on the road back to their roots," he said. "Kindness to strangers, has been a primary tenet of Judaism since Abraham's time."

Sought roots

Time and time again, Shub told The CJN, deprogrammed Jews he worked with said they were repelled by the "coldness and indifference" they felt in the synagogues that they first began to look for their Jewish roots in. "I heard this about Orthodox, Conservative and Reform synagogues," he said. "Jews for Jesus' technique of a warm welcome took the young people in."

Shub emphasized that religiously, spiritually and intellectually, Judaism could "wipe the floor" with the Christian group. "Unfortunately, these youngsters never got far enough in their Judaism to find that out."

Shub, who has been studying for ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York during the past four years, said that he experienced the same kind of coldness in Toronto synagogues, on his occasional visits to his family here.

Shub, 40, spent several years as a history instructor and counselor in Israel, including at the World Union of Jewish Students Institute in Arad. He earned an MA in Jewish history at JTS in the late 70s.

Shub, who was regional president of B'nai B'rith Youth's AZA during his final year in high school, was one of the students who insisted on being allowed to wear a kipa during classes and exams at Bathurst Heights Secondary School, in the 60s.

The children of Shub's congregants, some 70 member-families, are "especially sensitive to 'strangeness'," he said. "Three go to a public school where they are the only Jews among 1,300 others. This is Bible-belt country. On Christian holidays, they feel intense pressure to participate; on Jewish holidays, there is that same pressure not to participate, not to take time off from school for Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah."

Said Shub: "We are all strangers, really. It is our duty to make visitors — no matter how busy we are or how differently they may be dressed from us — to feel welcome. If we don't, their blood will be on our heads."

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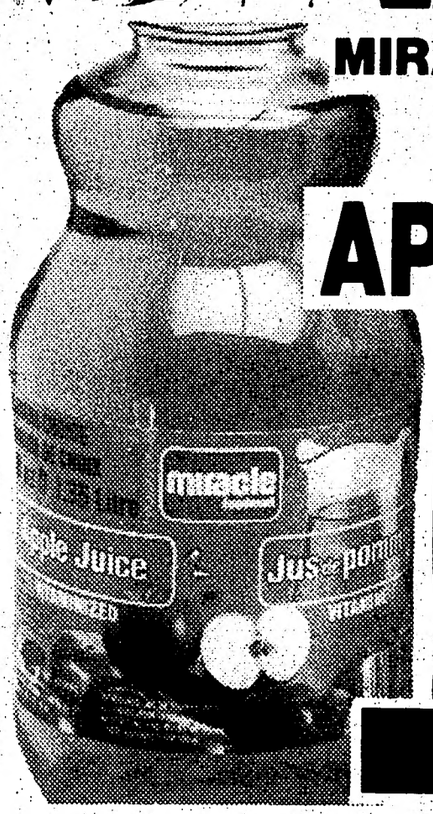

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Organizations and People

"A fantastic, powerful experience"

Canadian women attend symposium in Israel

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Several Canadian Jewish women were among some 300 participants in the recent First Jerusalem International Conference on Women and Judaism: Halacha and the Jewish Woman.

The 3-day symposium, Dec. 28-31, held under the auspices of the Israeli ministry of justice and sponsored by 11 major Jewish organizations, featured plenary sessions, workshops and field trips.

"It was a fantastic experience, very powerful," reports Rayzel Robinson-Raphael, executive director of York University's Jewish Student Federation, in a Toronto interview not long after she returned.

According to Robinson-Raphael, the other Canadians who attended were: Norma Joseph, a lecturer at Concordia University in Montreal, working on a PhD on Rabbi Moshe Feinstein's Responsa; Donna Finkelstein of Toronto, a student at Machon Pardes Yeshiva in Jerusalem, formerly active with the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry; and Rachel Kanner, a 70-year-old participant in the Volunteers for Israel program.

Robinson-Raphael adds that she, Finkelstein and Kanner are also members of B'not L'vana, which she describes as a "rosh chodesh feminist spirituality group."

She estimates that of the others attending, 25% were Americans, 50% were Israelis, and 25% were from around the world. Men were present as participants and speakers.

Robinson-Raphael describes the conference as a broadly-based, non-denominational symposium considering the position of Jewish women within halacha from a historical and sociological perspective.

It combined formal meetings and workshops and informal gatherings where the women spontaneously discussed personal experiences.

The thrust of the conference, says Robinson-Raphael, who is working on a book on Jewish feminist spirituality (The Ways of Women), was the need to find halachically informed mediators to communicate women's concerns to rabbis.

The conference also heard about new ways women are celebrating

Rayzel Robinson-Raphael

their religion by seeking new forms of expression, but in a halachic context.

A few of the other many specific topics discussed included: Jewish Insights into the Psychology of Women, presented by Dr. Naomi Abramowitz; Can the Call for Change in the Status of Women be Halachically Legitimated, presented by Tamar Ross and Michletet Bruria; and Halacha and Patriarchal Legal Systems, presented by Dr. Frances Raday.

But the major issue explored at the symposium was the process of obtaining a get, or Jewish divorce from the woman's perspective, says Robinson-Raphael.

"I definitely think the issue of divorce is the most contentious one. But, there was a senes of hope about the issue; the fact that the conference happened gave us a sense of hope.

"The conference also aroused my sympathies and solidarity with women in Israel who are involved with this halachic system because they live in Israel.

"It made me realize that if at some future point I should live there, then I could also be bound to that system; and that the situation of living in the Diaspora where there are other options, is a false reality."

Robinson-Raphael, who privately raised funds for her trip by agreeing to speak to sponsoring organizations, wants to set up a fund to enable a Canadian Jewish woman to attend future similar symposia.

Conference proceedings will be available, she says, and those interested in obtaining copies, or contributing to the fund should contact Robinson-Raphael at the JSF office at (416) 736-5178.

Scholar to visit Shaarei Shomayim

Bible research to be discussed

TORONTO —

Prof. Barry Levy, noted biblical scholar and chairman of McGill University's Jewish Studies Program, will be in Toronto on Sunday evening Jan. 25 to discuss his recent research into Bible commentaries and exegesis.

Levy will speak on the topic, Does the Bible Speak to Us Before We Tell It What to Say?, at 8 p.m. at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue's New Social Hall, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The congregation's Adult Education Committee and the Toronto Board of Jewish Education are co-sponsoring the talk.

"Dr. Levy, combines an intimate knowledge of the Bible, a familiarity with what is new in Biblical research, and an open approach to dealing with Medieval and contemporary Jewish understandings of the classical texts, says Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

He offers his listeners "a fresh and stimulating view of the Book of Books and it is the confluence of these factors that make him so unique a lecturer," Witty added.

Prof. Barry Levy

Levy is serving currently as director of McGill's Jewish Teacher Training Program. He has published two volumes dealing with translations and Biblical commentary, and has written extensively in such publications as the Jewish Book Annual, The Canadian Jewish Educator and Tradition.

Levy taught at Yeshiva and Brown universities before coming to McGill. He is now directing a curriculum development project for the teaching of Biblical commentaries in high school.

The Jan. 25 program is open, without charge, to the entire community. Refreshments will be served.

Fathers workshop

TORONTO —

Fathers: A Day of Coming Together, a 1-day workshop for fathers-to-be and fathers of infants and toddlers, will be presented by the Health Education Resources Dept. of Women's College Hospital 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Jan. 31.

The workshop will explore such issues as how men relate to a pregnant wife, a nursing mother, an infant child, the birth experience, late nights and early mornings, financial pressures at times of change as well as their own thoughts and feelings about fatherhood, organizers say.

The workshop will be held in Conference Room A, 2nd Floor, Burton Hall, Women's College Hospital. The cost is $45 per person and pre-registration is required.

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Basic concerns on agenda

JWF Council to discuss three Rs at meeting

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
Recruitment, retention and revitalization — the three Rs which are basic concerns for every community organization — will be delved into at the next meeting of the Presidents Council of Jewish Women's Federation on Jan. 26.

The Council meets four times a year and is comprised of representatives from the 50 JWF affiliates. Presidents Council chairman is Joan Kerbel; vice-chairman is Pat Alpert.

"With more women entering professions and joining the work force, it becomes increasingly necessary to provide the type of stimulating programming that will not only attract new members, but will also maintain ongoing interest and involvement," said Joan Kerbel.

JWF, which is part of the larger community that stems from Toronto Jewish Congress, is in a position to provide a forum for its affiliates which represent a whole spectrum of ideologies that make up Toronto's Jewish community, Kerbel added.

"The Presidents Council gives us the opportunity to talk out and deal with mutual problems and establish a concensus on issues of concern to women," Alpert commented. "The Council is the liaison through which we are able to promote an exchange of ideas that each president can bring back to her organization."

Through the Presidents Council, says JWF president Judy Gwartz, "we were able to present a unified voice to the provincial government last year regarding easier access to a get for Jewish women, and we're now in the process of adding our endorsement for pay equity legislation."

Penny Offman, JWF Leadership Development vice-president, points out that resources available to JWF and the Presidents Council, have made possible the recruitment of top calibre speakers in Canada and the U.S. for programs that help presidents upgrade their skills as speakers and leaders.

"It is through JWF participation at this level that these women can acquire the knowledge and ability to take on broader and more active roles in Jewish community planning when their present terms are completed."

Carol Seidman, newly-appointed director of United Jewish Appeal Women's Division and Jewish Women's Federation, will act as facilitator at the January 26 meeting.

Planning Jewish Women's Federation Presidents Council meeting are (from left) Penny Offman, Judy Gwartz, Joan Kerbel and Pat Alpert.

Bonds establishes international sales record in 1986

TORONTO —
An all-time record of $603 million in international sales was set in 1986 by State of Israel Bonds, the organization announced recently. This is an increase of almost $100 million over 1985 and close to $200 million more than 1984 sales.

Other records were broken in 1986: the year saw the Bonds organization surpass the $8 billion figure in sales since 1951 — the year Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, and a future Prime Minister Golda Meir, founded State of Israel Bonds.

As well, a record figure of $25 million was attained in Toronto. Total Canadian sales were in the $80 million range.

Bond leaders said the sales figures last year "demonstrated the continuing partnership with Israel by Jewish communities in all the countries where we conduct our Bond effort. In addition, it expresses the confidence of thousands of institutional investors, including banks, pension funds and employee benefit funds."

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Organizations and People

Attempt to find common ground

Orthodox-Reform dialogue draws big audience

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
It was billed as the first Orthodox-Reform dialogue in Toronto, as Rabbis Irwin Witty and Michael Stroh sought to find a common ground in the increasingly fractious disputes between the two streams of Judaism.

About 225 people crowded into a meeting room in Temple Har Zion, far exceeding organizers' expectations but perhaps indicating the level of interest in the Jewish community for any move to narrow the gap between the two sides.

It was not a debate, the two rabbis stressed, but rather an attempt to find common ground and mutual understanding. Both rabbis agreed as to the bare minimum each side required before they could proceed with more dialogue: respect for the other side.

Witty, an Orthodox rabbi who is executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, stressed he was speaking only for himself in the discussion. He pointed out that Orthodox Jews are not prepared to "bargain away the basis of their faith" — the belief in the divine origins of halacha (Jewish law and custom).

"To us we are dealing with the word of God" that can be interpreted, but not disregarded, he said, referring to disagreements with Reform over matters of patrilineal descent and conversion procedures.

Stroh, rabbi at the Reform Har Zion Temple since 1971, pointed to the situation in Israel where only the Orthodox, among the Jews of Israel, receive government funds for schools. Reform and Conservative rabbis must get equal treatment, he said; there must be an end to "religious coercion." Just as for the Orthodox there are bare minimum demands, so too for the Reform, he added.

In his opening remarks to the meeting, Witty referred to a prediction by Ottawa's Rabbi Reuven Bulka that by the year 2,000 there would be three-quarters of a million Jews who may have doubts cast on their Jewishness by other Jews. That raised "sufficient grounds for concern," he said, and pointed to the main problems affecting Jews — questions concerning personal status.

Certain aspects of Judaism — such as ordaining female rabbis, changes in style of prayer, having mixed choirs — are matters of personal choice and up to each person to accept or reject for him/herself.

But matters of personal status, such as authenticity of converted Jews and children of marriages where a partner hasn't received a universally accepted get (divorce), affect the "fragile unity" of the Jewish people, Witty said.

(Under Jewish law, children of a woman whose previous marriage hasn't been ended by a recognized get are considered illegitimate and prevented from marrying most other Jews. Orthodox Jews do not accept gittim handed down by non-Orthodox rabbis. Thus, the children of a woman who remarries without an Orthodox get may not marry Orthodox Jews. That prohibition lasts for 10 generations.)

Another point of contention between the two sides is the authenticity of conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis, which Orthodox rabbis do not recognize as valid.

Witty asked whether we shouldn't see limits to pluralism especially when the results can last over generations, and he pointed to steps taken in the Reform movement towards more traditional Jewish practices.

He suggested revival of efforts to create a continent-wide Bet Din — a Jewish court — to be comprised of scholars from all streams of Judaism which would tackle the sticky problems of divorce and legitimacy. That is a solution that "may be worth a try," he suggested. "What is at stake is Jewish unity."

Dialogue was the name of the game as Reform Rabbi Michael Stroh (left) met with Orthodox Rabbi Irwin Witty at Temple Har Zion recently. [Paul Lungen photo]

Stroh agreed that questions of personal status are what divides the two camps, noting that Reform rabbis have been performing conversions according to their own standards for 200 years.

Stroh's prescription for reconciliation included a recognition on both sides of the sincerity of the other and a recognition in Israel of all branches of Judaism.

He said he doesn't expect mutual recognition of the legitimacy of the other's movement, but he called for recognition of the sincerity of each movement.

He agreed with Witty's suggestion advocating creation of an international Bet Din to oversee questions of status and he suggested Reform Judaism could explore its own procedures when dealing with conversions and gets. Reform rabbis in Toronto use halachic procedures, such as the mikveh, circumcision or the drawing of blood for conversions, he noted.

Stroh said the next convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will be called upon to consider the Bet Din proposal.

He agreed that both sides should make compromises for Klal Yisrael, the Jewish people.

Peterson will attend dinner for Patti Starr

TORONTO —
Ontario Premier David Peterson will be among the dignitaries who will attend B'nai B'rith Canada's Scroll of Leadership Dinner in honor of Patti Starr.

Harry Bick, national president of BB, made the announcement and said that Peterson as well as Barbara McDougall, minister of state and minister responsible for the status of women, will be paying tribute to Starr at the dinner to be held March 24 at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Other dignitaries expected to be in attendance include MP Bill Attewell, MPPs Bernard Grandmaitre, Monte Kwinter, Ken Keyes, Lily Munro, Alvin Curling, John Eakins, Elinor Caplin, John Sweeney, Larry Grossman, Dennis Timbrell as well as John Black Aird, Mayor Art Eggleton, Mayor Mel Lastman, Mayor Alan Duffy, Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn.

North York Controllers Norman Gardner, Esther Shiner and Howard Moscoe will attend as will aldermen Irv Chapley, Milton Berger, Betty Disero and Trustee Mae Waese.

BB's annual award is presented to an individual who has displayed outstanding achievement as well as dedication to national, regional and municipal concerns. For more than 20 years, Starr, who was to be honored at a cocktail reception Jan. 22 at the home of Tom and Marilyn Falus, has served as an organizer, planner and motivator in various regional and local groups and committees.

The award dinner is being co-chaired by Toronto lawyers Jane Pepino and Jim Peterson.

Pepino is an executive committee member of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews as well as a member of the Metropolitan Police Commission.

Jim Peterson and Jane Pepino will co-chair dinner.

Peterson is chairman of the Cambridge Acceptance Corp. and during his term as a member of Parliament he was chairman of the Committee on Soviet Jewry and founding vice-president of the Canada-Israel Friendship group.

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Strengthens Israel-Diaspora relations

Otzma program aims at developing leaders

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Building leadership is apparently a watchword with Jewish organizations these days. There seems to be hardly a community group that's not concerned that the Jewish community will be served in years to come by those with dedication, fortitude and skill.

With that in mind, a variety of special leadership development programs have arisen.

Perhaps "the crown jewel" in the multitude of plans, programs, scholarships and seminars geared to strengthening links between community organizations and the public draws its name from one of the qualities required of its participants — Otzma, or strength.

Now in the midst of its first year of operation, Project Otzma promises to become one of the best ways of developing homegrown leadership with personal ties to Israel and Diaspora communities, as well as unique experience in living in both cultures.

Last August, four youthful Toronto men left Pearson International Airport as the first local contingent in the Otzma program. During their 1-year stay in Israel, they will study Hebrew, work in both a moshav and a Project Renewal town, tour the country and attend seminars to help them better understand the country.

The intensive nature of the program will give the volunteers a "substantial insight into how Israel works," says Gerry Fisher, Toronto coordinator for Project Otzma.

The foursome's first 1½ months in Israel was spent on a kibbutz ulpan where they brushed up on their Hebrew. That was followed by 1½ months working at Moshav Edan in the Negev Desert, where 15 of the community's 22 families are former Torontonians.

Next on the agenda: a 2½-month stint on a youth aliyah village, teaching English as a second language and providing a variety of social services to Ethiopian children. Of the four Torontonians now in Israel, two will do their stints in Meir Shfeya, one will live in Hadassim and the other in Ramat Hadassah.

That's followed by 3½ months at the Project Renewal communities adopted by Toronto: Beit Dagan (near Lod) and Kfar Gvirol (near Rehovot). Again they'll be expected to experience Israel from the point of view of someone actively participating in the community's daily life.

They will work in the Toronto-built community centres, teach English, work with youth groups, organize sports activities and deal with troubled teens.

The rest of their stay will include touring and meeting prominent Israelis as well as spending time with an "adopted" Israeli family, says Fisher.

From the demanding regimen expected of the volunteers, it's clear not just anybody will do. The four Torontonians participating in Otzma, Paul Goldbach, 18, Carey Fruitman, 22, Lorne Berk, 22, and Sol Jacubowicz, 22, were chosen from 30 applicants because of their previous involvement in matters Jewish as well as their backgrounds in social services — two qualities that give them foundations to do the work expected of them.

In return for the invaluable experience Otzma provides them, the volunteers are expected to put back in the local community some of the skills they developed while in Israel. Cost for each of the four is a mere $250, says Fisher, with the Toronto Jewish Congress Endowment Fund and the Jewish Agency contributing $2,500 (U.S.) each.

TJC staff provide the support for the local program, with an Otzma committee, chaired by Dr. Harvey Zimmerman, providing supervision. Committee members include representatives from the Israel kibbutz movement, Jewish Students' Network, the World Zionist Organization and the general public.

With smiles on their faces, these four Toronto men prepared to leave for Israel last August as part of the first Otzma contingent. From left are Paul Goldbach, Lorne Berk, Sol Jacubowicz and Carey Fruitman.

Otzma itself traces its roots back to an idea hatched in Israel by the Israeli Forum, a volunteer group of young professionals and academics who agreed there was a lack of understanding between Jews in Israel and the Diaspora.

They proposed to develop that understanding throught the Otzma program and sold their idea to the Council of Jewish Federations, an umbrella organization that represents hundreds of North American Jewish federations, including TJC.

TJC agreed to participate in this year's pilot project, says Fisher, and so far the decision seems to be a good one, he adds.

Feedback from Israel is positive, says Zimmerman. "They're making an impression."

What's especially beneficial about Otzma is that everyone benefits, adds Zimmerman, who is also co-chairman of the New Leadership Division of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

Otzma is the first cooperative project directly between the federations and Israel that offers this level of human contact, he says. Israel-Diaspora relations benefit as a result and there is the potential for the development of future leaders who have a first hand knowledge of what makes the country tick.

Israel derives immediate benefits from the volunteers' work — four Montrealers and 52 Americans make up the rest of the first Otzma contingent — and the local federations benefit in the long run from the work the volunteers are expected to plow back into the community.

Next year, Toronto hopes to send six volunteers, who must be between 18-24 years old. Deadline for applications is Feb. 15. For more information, contact Fisher at (416) 635-2883, ext. 136.

Jews, Sikhs hold cultural exchange

TORONTO —
Members of the Jewish and Sikh communities recently held a cultural exchange at at the B'nai B'rith Centre.

Initiated by the Community Liaison Committee of BB's League for Human Rights, the informal gathering of families from both communities "will help build bridges between both groups," league director Alan Shefman said.

He said the aim of the program is to exchange ideas, share common concerns and interests and to facilitate meetings between various ethnocultural groups.

"Many of these groups have the same concerns as we Jews," he said, listing family life, perservation of culture and religion, intermarriage and love of homeland.

Shefman said the meeting "is not a one-shot affair. It is planned to lead to further contact and a more intensive consideration of issues that were raised initially."

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Organizations and People

Health care discussed

BGU seeks stronger ties with our universities

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — The new dean of health sciences at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev hopes to strengthen the ties between its medical school and Canadian universities through individual projects in Montreal and Toronto.

Dr. Shimon Glick, passing through Canada on a North American tour to "touch base" with BGU leadership and supporters, said that his agenda included the formation of a "tripartite" program between BGU, McGill, and Tulane universities to "combine resources" in third world countries.

Glick met with McGill University medical school dean Dr. Richard Cruise, and discussed the formulation of the project.

"The idea is to bring the benefits of modern health care to these nations," Glick said, adding that grant proposals were currently being formulated to help pay for the program.

In Toronto, Glick visited Dr. Charles Hollenberg, vice-principal of the University of Toronto's medical school, to talk over the possibility of staging a "bar-mitzvah" celebration in Israel next year to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the "visiting professors" program.

Glick said that from the time of BGU's founding in 1974, nearly 100 professors from Canada have come to BGU to teach and exchange ideas.

Glick also spoke with Hollenberg, the chairman of the "visiting professors committee," about maintaining and expanding exchange programs with the U of T. The programs involve postgraduate training for Ben-Gurion students in Toronto.

Glick's visit to the U of T also included discussions with the chairmen of most of the school departments to "extend and consolidate" the Israeli university's international reputation.

That reputation, Glick said, has extended to Harvard University, which has introduced a program at its medical school patterned after BGU's example.

The program involves the clinical exposure of patients to medical students at an early stage of their education to inculcate the emphasis BGU places on treating the patient, and not just the disease.

"We did the same program with a lot less money than Harvard," Glick noted, "but I suppose Harvard doing this type of thing is a good form of flattery to us."

Training doctors with a "more broad approach" to the human needs of the Negev region population under BGU's care has characterized the medical school's overriding philosophy, Glick said.

The medical training of students at BGU, Glick said, extends to both their selection into the program and to what is expected of them in the developing Negev community. Students are accepted into the program based on their personality and outlook. Academic achievement is secondary.

Glick, 54, is an American-born Orthodox Jew who joined BGU at its onset as chairman of the university's medical division after making aliya with his family in 1974.

The first medical class was composed of 35 students. Glick recalls the "great sense of purpose, of excitement, the satisfaction of knowing we were building a new medical school and a new curriculum." Last year, 50 students entered the medical school.

Glick intends to follow the example of the founding dean of BGU, Dr. Moshe Prywes, and the preceding dean, Dr. Lechaim Naggan, by carrying on the tradition of the university's health services, to "deliver medical care in a way both satisfying to the physicians and the patients."

The role of the BGU to the Negev population, 70% of which consists of Jews of African and Asian descent, has become so great, he said, that he "shudders" at the thought of a viable life there without the institution. In cooperation with Kupat Cholim, the Histadrut's sick fund, and the ministry of health, the university's health services, under Glick's stewardship, provides medical care to 300,000 residents including 60,000 Bedouins over a 6,000-square-mile area.

"Without BGU, the Negev would be a total disaster area. We are the linchpin for the region."

Research, Glick said, will become an increasing priority at Ben-Gurion, as the "third leg of an academic medical stool." The other two "legs," representing patient care and teaching, are concerns that have so far achieved substantial levels of success, Glick said.

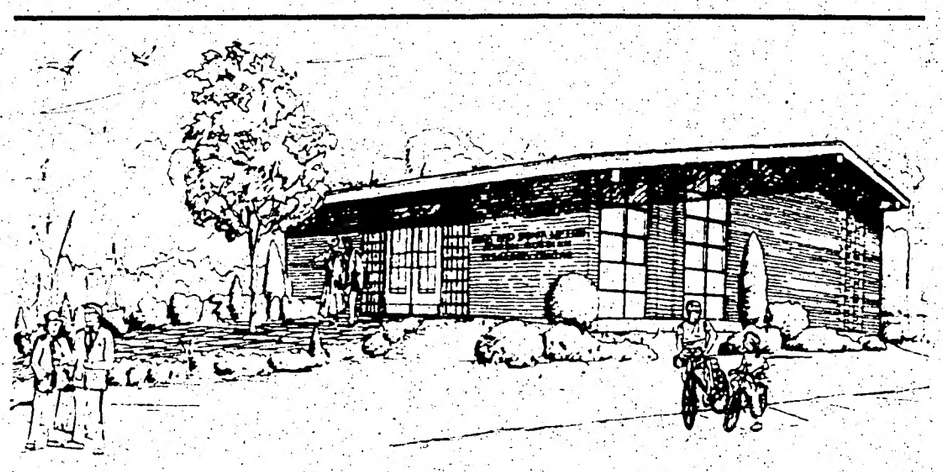
Dr. Shimon Glick

Plans also call for the establishment of a centre for medical ethics at BGU. Glick described the centre as an independent institution for research and study, although it would be tied in name to the university's medical school.

Glick's stop in Canada included talks with various supporters of the Canadian Associates of BGU.

In Montreal, they included Tom Hecht, Dr. Abe Mayman, Dr. Michael Klein, director of the Jewish General Hospital's Herzl Family Practice Centre, and Reuben Croll, president of the Montreal chapter.

In Toronto, Glick held talks with Canadian Associates of BGU national president Harold Livergant and with Sidney Chelsky, president of the Toronto branch.



Architect's rendering of the Russian-Jewish community centre which its spiritual leader, Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, hopes to have ready by Pesach.

Synagogue raises funds to begin operations

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO — **The small Russian emigre synagogue which successfully hurdled neighborhood opposition late last year is busy raising $400,000 to put it in operation by Pesach.**

That is the goal of Chabad-Lubavitch's Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, spiritual leader of what will probably be officially called the Jack and Sonia Lipton Jewish Russian Community Centre.

Zaltzman guided the project past the criticism of area residents concerned about an influx of traffic and the congestion and noise they believed would result.

The ratepayers also objected on the grounds that one wall of the sought building, an abandonned hydro substation at 18 Rockford Rd., was 5 feet too close to the lot line, even though a variance had been granted by the city of North York.

They pursued their grievance to the Ontario Municipal Board.

But the OMB dismissed the Bathurst Village Ratepayers Association appeal, (CJN Nov. 6) allowing the synagogue to be completed without external modifications that would have lopped off 200 square feet and cost an additional $15,000.

With the help of architect Martin Mendelow, says Zaltzman, plans are now ready to add a permanent wall on one side, put in essential services, an office, library, sanctuary and kitchen "to say a l'chaim on Shabbes."

Zaltzman hopes the congregation, which now holds services in the Bernard Betel Centre For Creative Living at 1003 Steeles Ave., will grow when the new facility is ready.

The rabbi, who keeps in contact with the community through a monthly newsletter, Exodus, adds that he wants the centre to become more than just a house of worship. He sees it becoming a place where the Russian-Jewish community can come to take out a book, or talk about their problems.

And Zaltzman says he does not expect any further difficulties with the few neighbors who originally objected to the synagogue. "I'm sure when we are there, there will be no problem at all."

For more information on the synagogue or contributions, call Zaltzman at (416) 731-7000.

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Organizations and People

New pressures on social services predicted

Number of seniors grows; leading better lives

By
JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA —

Canada's senior population is growing in size and its members are enjoying longer lives and better health, according to a federal study on the elderly.

While there are now about 2.7 million Canadians over the age of 65, this group will grow to nearly 4 million by the beginning of the 21st century, states Seniors Boom, produced jointly by Statistics Canada, Health and Welfare Canada and the secretary of state.

From there Canada's senior population will escalate rapidly as the baby boom generation (those born between 1946 and 1966) becomes seniors boom generation.

By 2021 this group will reach 6 million and grow to 7.5 million by 2031. This compares to a century earlier, when there were less than 1 million senior citizens in Canada in 1931.

While the growth rate of Canada's senior population will continue to grow well into the next century, the study forecasts that the general population will expand at a rate barely above 1%.

This is partially due to a decline in the birth rate from a total fertility rate (a measure of the potential number of children per woman born in the year) of 4 in the late 1950s to 1.6 in 1986.

The demographic changes expected in the coming decades, "could bring new pressures to bear on social service delivery systems insofar as those aged 75 and over will be reliant upon a relatively smaller and younger population for social supports of various kinds," the study says.

Canada's growing number of senior citizens are making their needs known to government. In 1985 organized senior citizens spoke out against the planned deindexation of federal old age pensions.

When Ron Van Horne, Ontario 's minister without portfolio for senior citzens, met with senior citizens around Ontario to draft a white paper on health care for senior citizens last year they told him that "by and large we're not a doting group of old, faltering people."

The white paper itself contains a series of broad policy directions designed to help seniors "live active and independent lives."

Along with the baby boom, Seniors Boom cites the decline in mortality rates as a "consequential development."

While the death rate has declined dramatically among women in the past 30 years, the study notes that it has been "far less impressive" for men.

Along with increased longevity, the study reports that seniors' chances of surviving to age 85 increase once past age 80.

Both male and female populations have increased their chance of reaching 85 years of age, given they have reached 80.

For women aged 80 in 1926, the chances of reaching age 85 were 52%. This increased to 66% by 1971. While males did not register as dramatic an increase, their chances of reaching 85 increased from 47% in 1926 to 55% in 1971.

As well as an increase in the number of senior citizens living past age 80, the study reports that the chances of women living into their 90s has greatly improved.

Women aged 80 years in 1941 had less than a 10% chance of attaining the age of 92 and a 6% chance of turning 94. Thirty-years later, 20% of 80-year-old women could expect to celebrate their 92nd birthdays and 12% their 94th.

Men do not share the same chances of living well into their 90s. In 1941 some 11% of 80-year-old men could expect to reach age 90. In 1971, this had only increased to 15%.

Whether it is the cause or result of seniors' longevity, there has been a marked improvement in seniors' lifestyles and their attitudes towards physical fitness.

The study shows that there is a steady rise in the number of people who feel positive about their relative fitness as age increases from 25 to 75 among both men and women.

In the 5-year span from 1976 to 1981 there was a 10% increase in the number of "able-bodied" seniors taking part in regular exercise. This was a greater increase than any other age group.

As well as participating in regular exercise, the study shows that the rate of avoidance of smoking rises with increasing age, reaching its peak among 80 year olds.

In 1981 nearly 80% of those over 80 were non-smokers. This is a full 30 percentage points above the rate of non-smokers in the 25-44 age group.

The trend toward non-smoking was greater among women than men.

Polish Jewry talks held

JERUSALEM —

A 60-member delegation from Jerusalem attended the first Polish-Israeli academic conference on the history of Polish Jewry.

The conference, held recently in Cracow, was cosponsored by the Centre for Research on Polish Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the 600-year-old Jaqiellonian University of Cracow, which hosted the event.

Theme of the conference was: The History of Jews in Pre-partitioned Poland (to the end of the 19th century).

In addition to Israeli and Polish participants, the conference attracted participants from the United States and Britain.

"Today, not only the death of Jews but the death of Jews on Polish soil over the centuries is awakening the interest of scholars," said Chone Shmeruk, professor of Yiddish Literature at the Hebrew University.

Shmeruk noted that cooperation between the Hebrew and Jaqiellonian Universities was developing rapidly.

He said that in the past, research efforts have focused mainly on Holocaust studies, but that today there is also great interest in the life and culture of Jews over the many centuries they lived in Poland.

There is a growing feeling among Polish intellectuals that the history and culture of Polish Jewry "are intimately tied with Polish history and culture," said Shmeruk, the head of the Hebrew University's Center for Research on Polish Jewry.

At a colorful ceremony during the conference, Prof. Moshe Altbauer, Professor Emeritus of Slavic languages and Russian studies at the Hebrew University, who earned his PhD. at the Jaqiellonian University 50 years ago, was honored through the conferral of a second doctoral degree, in accordance with the Jaqiellonian University custom of conferring such an honor after 50 years to its doctoral degree holders who have made significant contributions to their fields.

Prior to the conference, the Israeli delegation toured Poland, visiting the Treblinka, Maidenek and Auschwitz concentration camps, as well as remnants of synagogues and Jewish cemeteries in a number of cities.

A second conference on Polish Jewish history is scheduled for January 1988 at the Hebrew University. University officials are hoping that many Polish scholars will attend it.

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Rabbinic seminar told:

Requests for Orthodox conversion unprecedented

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
An unprecedented number of requests for conversions and re-conversions has been filed with Toronto's Beth Din (rabbinic court), said its committee head Rabbi Moshe Burak.

"There have been many more young men and women who have approached us for conversion," he said. "A much higher proportion of them did not come to us because of immediate marriage plans." He declined to give statistics.

Burak's was one of about a dozen presentations at last week's regional rabbinic seminar sponsored by Yeshiva University, the Rabbinical Council of America, and the Educators Council of America. The 2-day professional development event involving local and U.S. Orthodox pulpit rabbis, educators and chaplains was hosted by the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

"We have also had many more requests for conversion among those previously converted in Reform and Conservative ceremonies," said Burak. These came from people planning to move to Israel, join local Orthodox congregations, marry into traditional families, or just to keep their Jewish status clear in all circles, he said.

Conference presentations were reported to The Canadian Jewish News by Shaarei Shomayim's Rabbi Henry Hoschander. The CJN confirmed the conversion presentation directly with Burak afterwards.

For several converts, the Orthodox one was the third conversion ceremony that they underwent, following first a Reform one and then a Conservative ceremony, added Hoschander.

Also described by Burak were additional safeguards undertaken to reinforce conversion. These included a commitment by converts to spend a minimum number of Shabbats at shomrei Shabbat families, "so they can get a feel of what living Jewishly is all about and to give them ties to the community," said Hoschander. In one case, an entire family that converted was moved from its previous neighborhood, largely Gentile, to the Bathurst-Lawrence area, he said.

In the same session, Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, head of the Beth Din that deals with divorce, reported that an increasing number of women are refusing to accept a get. "This is the reverse of the traditional trend," in which men have refused to grant divorces to their wives, said Hoschander.

"The women's refusals are largely out of spite," commented Hoschander.

The new provincial legislation, which forbids the withholding of a religious divorce for monetary consideration by either partner, was applauded.

Also noted was a rise in the number of Jews, including non-Orthodox, who have recourse to rabbinic adjudication in monetary disputes. A third Beth Din handles these. "We are faster and cheaper than the civil courts," said its committee head, Rabbi David Schochet.

"If one of the two disputants — both pledge to honor the court's decision in advance — reneges, the aggrieved party is given permission to submit the conclusions to a civil court," said Hoschander. "In 99% of the cases, the civil courts uphold the legal decisions of rabbinic bodies."

In an earlier session, chaplains were urged to sensitize doctors and nurses to their patients' individuality. A man lying in a hospital bed should be referred to as more than just "the gall bladder," said Hoschander.

Chaplains Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg of Toronto, Dr. Norman Berlat of Chicago, and Rabbi Leonard Buchen of Buffalo also noted:

• The increasing importance of chaplains to the mentally ill and other isolated individuals.

• The ready accessibility of halachic authorities who can be consulted in matters of "pulling the plug or applying lifesaving devices."

Rabbis Menachim Gopin of Mizrachi, Amram Assayag, Congregation Petah Tikva, Raphael Marcus, of B'nai Torah, and Baruch Taub, Avraham Yoseph, joined in a plea for unity among those who believe in "God and Torah min hashamayim (from Heaven)."

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Rabbi Hershel Schachter, rosh kollel (graduate studies' head) of Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, helped resolve halachic questions pertaining to synagogue service.

• The aron hakodesh (ark containing the Torah scrolls) must project into the sanctuary and not be flush with the wall; otherwise it is considered outside the sanctuary.

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Also noted:

• Videotape should not be made of a religious service or of the religious parts of a bar mitzvah, wedding or other personal celebration, or of a religious lecture. This is so the name of G-d is not destroyed if the tape is, in the same principle that governs newspapers and written material. "The sole exception may be if the videotape is for instructional purposes," said Hoschander.

• Tallesim may not be considered kosher if they have a verse from the Bible written on their mantle or if they are colored other than white with blue or black. A single verse without its context is unacceptble, explained Hoschander. Using any color beside blue or black — the two colors long debated as dyeing the tallesim's fringes — represents shinui minhag, the violation of tradition.

A special citation was made to Shaarei Shomayim Congregation for its long-time association with Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Herschel Schacter (no relation to previously quoted rabbi with a similar name), head of YU's Max Stern Division of Communal Services, said that service organizations like Jewish Family & Child Service, Baycrest Centre, and the World Zionist Organization were being increasingly "Judaized" by the infusion of YU graduates as personnel.

Rabbi Binyamin Walfish, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Hoschander said efforts would be made to revive the dormant Ontario chapter of the Council.

Having a chat at rabbinical conference are chaplains (from left) Dr. Norman Berlat, Chicago; Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, Toronto; and Rabbi Leonard Buchen, Buffalo. [Graphic Artists photo]

In Israel and Diaspora

Law of the land applies to all

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Jews are commanded to be good citizens of the country in which they live, says Rabbi Hershel Schachter, Rosh Kollel of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University.

This precept, dina d'malchulta dina (the law of the land is the law, literally) applies both in Israel and in non-Jewish states, he said in a lecture entitled Civic Responsibility in Israel and the Diaspora, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

His talk was part of a 2-day seminar sponsored by Yeshiva University, the Rabbinical Council of America.

Schachter said that if the government is a "pirate" one, acting outside of a proper legal code (such as that of Czarist Russia), one is permitted to take underhanded measure to save oneself. That is not the case, he stressed, either in Israel or in most Western countries in which Jews today live.

Schachter has no use for those who claim that one doesn't have to honor the government of Israel because it is not shomer mitzvos (observant of the halacha). "I may be hurt that the government acts this way, just as I would be hurt for my own cousin: nevertheless, I still must accept it."

He warned against the attitude that what doesn't directly affect Jews does not concern them. "The sages say that to assist someone in sinning is as if you had sinned yourself."

Thus, he said, we must not sit back and allow injustice to occur; we must involve ourselves in such humanitarian causes as opposition to apartheid and nuclear disarmament. "We must work for the betterment of society, not just Jews."

The Torah says that every person is created in the image of G-d," he continued, and "we must preserve that image." Accordingly, before immersing ourselves in the details of religious observance, we must imitate G-d by demonstrating sensitivity and compassion. "First be a mensch, then be a Jew."

Rabbi Hershel Schachter addresses public session. [Graphic Artists photo]

May best poster win

OTTAWA —
A national Canada Day poster contest has been launched with a prize of an all-expense paid trip to Ottawa for the winning artist and immediate family on July 1, Secretary of State David Crombie has announced.

The winning national entry, selected from the provincial/territorial winners, will become the official poster for the 1987 Canada Day celebrations. The winning artist and family will be guests of the secretary of state for the Canada Day activities on Parliament Hill.

"This year marks the 40th anniversary of Canadian citizenship and what better way to make people aware of it than through a poster competition on the theme 'What It Means to be a Canadian,' " said Crombie.

The contest will be open to all Canadians and entries must be postmarked before midnight, Feb. 21. Posters should be 38 cm by 50 cm (15 inches by 20 inches) and done with crayons, paint or pastels. Contestants are entitled to one entry only.

Entries should be mailed to the nearest office of the Department of the Secretary of State, attention Canada Day Poster Contest. In Ontario and Quebec the addresses are: Suite 200, 25 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto M4T 1X4; and Guy Favreau Complex, 10th Floor, West Tower, 200 Dorchester Blvd. W., Montreal H2Z 1X4.

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TORONTO —
In making plans for your winter vacation, take note of the chilling police statistic that thieves break into about 180 Metro Toronto homes each week. A few precautions can ensure your home doesn't become an easy mark for a burglar.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Invoking Charter of Rights and Freedoms

CJC to challenge funding issue in top court

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

On January 26, lawyer John I. Laskin will don his black courtroom robes and with legal briefs tucked under his arm, stride into the courtroom in the Supreme Court of Canada building in Ottawa.

Laskin will argue on behalf of Canadian Jewish Congress that extending full funding exclusively to Roman Catholic schools is unconstitutional.

He will argue that, in light of the equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, any benefit to the Catholic school system must be matched by funding to Jewish schools as well.

That was the argument presented by Laskin before the Ontario Court of Appeal in hearings late in 1985, but in a decision handed down on Feb. 18, 1986 the court rejected that line of argument. Instead, it answered in the affirmative a question posed by the government for a legal opinion: whether Bill 30, the legislation to extend funding to grades 10 through 12 of the Catholic schools, was constitutional even if it did not allow for funding for other separate schools.

The Court of Appeal found that "the country was founded upon the recognition of special or unequal educational rights for specific religious groups."

In legal documents filed with the Supreme Court, Congress stated "that to deny government financing to (Jewish schools) and other religiously based school systems is to perpetuate an injustice in educational funding in Ontario."

Congress, noting the proliferation of ethnic communities and religious pluralism in Ontario, argues that "Bill 30 infringes on the Charter because it fails to provide equality of treatment to other religiously based denominational school systems."

Other arguments advanced in the Congress brief state the equality aspects of the Charter ought to be interpreted in light of Charter provisions which refer to preserving and enhancing the multicultural heritage of Canadians.

John Laskin

"Bill 30," states Congress in another argument, "denies other religiously based denominational schools a share in public funding." The result is that in light of the expenses those other schools must incur, "Bill 30 is an indirect control, limiting for non-Catholics," which abridges Charter rights to freedom of religion.

According to Murray Segal, chairman of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, a Congress committee, Congress is not saying Catholic schools shouldn't be entitled to extended funding. Rather, it is that other separate schools should benefit as well.

In 1984-85, total expenditures to finance the Jewish day school system, with its 8,204 students, amounted to $23.5 million, most of which was raised within the Jewish community either through tuition costs, donations or as remittances from Congress of money gathered in community fund raising drives.

Besides the 16 day schools in the Metro Toronto area that will be affected by the court decision, two in Ottawa and one each in Hamilton and London are awaiting the outcome of the week-long court hearing.

Segal said OJAEE, while awaiting the Supreme Court decision, is continuing its political lobbying campaign. "In the long run," he said, "we think it is a political issue, not a legal one."

Charles Zaionz, CJC, Ontario Region chairman, met recently with Ontario Premier David Peterson to discuss a number of issues, among them education, Segal said.

The meeting failed to sway Peterson who, according to Segal, said separate schools will not receive government money in the foreseeable future.

(Costs for extended financing for Catholic schools is forecast at $350 million to the end of the 1987-88 school year.)

Despite Peterson's refusal to budge, Segal remains optimistic: "We're making inroads slowly in convincing (politicians) of the justice of our cause."

Welcome to camps

This year's education supplement welcomes a new partner, the growing number of summer day and fulltime camps. They serve a wide variety of interests, as stories on the following exemplify:

- **Camp Can-Ski.**
- **The Canadian Zionist Federations Camps Gesher, Moshava, and Shomria.**
- **Green Diamond Baseball and Katonim Day Camps.**
- **Camp Massad in Winnipeg.**
- **Camp Reena's new director.**
- **Young Judaea Camps.**

SCIENCE FAIR

Leo Baeck School acting director Karen Friedman and students examine display at last year's science fair.

Increasing enrolment strains already crowded facilities

TORONTO —

For the 18th year in a row, enrolment figures for Jewish schools in Metropolitan Toronto showed an increase, putting even greater strains on an already crowded school system.

"We have a space problem, no question about it," says Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education. "It is a major problem that is already confronting the Jewish school system and will continue to confront it for the next few years, possibly the next decade."

The facts are both gratifying and troubling.

The Leo Baeck school has "just about outgrown its quarters," Witty stated; the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto is in search of land, Or-Haemet Sephardic School is looking for a sight (on which to build) and Netivot Hatorah is using portables."

CHAT is one of several schools utilizing portables for its ever-increasing student body, but soon "the building will be at the bursting point."

A significant jump in attendance, from 229 to 538, is straining CHAT's facilities, and Witty expects attendance to rise "easily" to 650-800.

What is the BJE doing about it? As a service agency for the Jewish schools, the BJE can only make recommendations and give advice. Funds it distributes are limited to subsidizing tuition costs for students in need, not for underwriting capital expenditures.

Currently, a planning and priorities committee has been struck which is studying the general needs and trends in education. The first item of business is to try "to get a handle on what the space needs are," said Witty. There is tremendous growth of the Jewish community north of Steeles, he said, presenting demographic changes the education system will have to address.

Money for the schools' capital campaigns has to be found by the schools themselves in fund raising drives. But BJE "guesstimates" on needs for capital acquisitions and building are in the heady neighborhood of $20 million over the next decade, Witty predicted.

Expansion needed

United Synagogue Day Schools, CHAT, Netivot Hatorah, Or Haemet and She'arim Hebrew Day School are most likely to need capital to expand, with one or two others following suit.

Where is this pressure on the schools coming from? The statistics tell the story. The aggregate number of students attending Jewish day and supplementary schools reached 14,538 in the 1986-87 school year, up from 14,264 the previous year. That accounts for about 52% of all Jewish children of school age.

Breaking down the figures, they show an increase in day school registrations at both the elementary and secondary levels. Witty suggested there was a slight decrease in supplementary schools enrolment, although he admitted the data on which he based that estimate were incomplete.

Rabbi Irwin Witty

In Toronto's 11 elementary day schools, enrolment rose to 7,284 from last year's figure of 7,071. Associated led the way among all schools with a student body of 3,046.

At the high school level, CHAT experienced an "unusual" increase though the other four Metro secondary schools also experienced growth, from 795 students to 877.

Enrolment at the 36 supplementary schools changed only slightly, hovering around the 6,300 mark. Holy Blossom Temple and the United Congregational Schools each reported 923 students, with 19 other schools reporting enrolments of under 100 each.

Witty calls the Toronto situation "an anomaly" since most other North American cities with sizeable Jewish populations experience much higher enrolment in supplementary schools than in day schools.

The influx of students in Jewish schools can be attributed to several factors, Witty stated, including migrations from South Africa, Israel, the United States, small communities and Montreal. Immigrants often look to institutions such as schools to give them roots in the community, he said.

Increasing enrolment can also be traced to an intensification of Jewish identity, Witty said. Parents believe that if they want to send their children to Jewish schools they might as well send them to day schools since there's a greater transmission of information.

There's also a convenience factor: "parents don't have to deal with kids who don't like afternoon school." And there's no stigma of elitism associated with separate schools.

Despite the strains on the system, the overcrowded classrooms, sometimes inadequate lab and gym facilities, Witty says there is a bright side: the quality of instruction and standards of achievement.

"We have an outstanding educational program," he said. "Based on what we've heard from parents and principals coming from other communities and those in the educational hierarchy who see other schools, we're told we are doing some good things." **P.L.**

REPORT ON EDUCATION

"We try to make a total Jew"

Eitz Chaim Schools emphasize Torah values

The inculcation of Torah values and a commitment to encouraging the expression of those values in daily living are what make Eitz Chaim Schools unique, say the school's principals.

"We don't learn the mitzvot as something old-fashioned, but as something alive, valuable and meaningful," says Leo Adler, principal of the girls' branch on Viewmount Ave. The school tries to teach that "we have obligations to Israel, between man and God, and between man and man."

"We try to make a total Jew," says Adler, stressing: "There is no contradiction between living in the secular world and being a religious Jew."

The girls' school, besides an intensive academic program, concentrates heavily on middos, the development of good character. Visits to Lincoln Place and Baycrest, and collecting money for charitable purposes help reinforce the philosophy of the school.

The principals at the Willowdale branch of Eitz Chaim, the boys' school, echo Adler's sentiments.

Rabbi S. K. Weinberg, senior principal says: "It is from the religious commitment to God and Torah that a love of learning and a feeling of decency to one's fellow man emanate."

Weinberg has developed an "alternative system" to encourage independent learning of Chumash among students, both boys and girls.

An expanding program at the boys' school offers a class on Gemara for fathers, to enable them to study with their sons. The teachers, on their own time, points out Weinberg, teach them the same portions taught to their sons in grades 5 to 8.

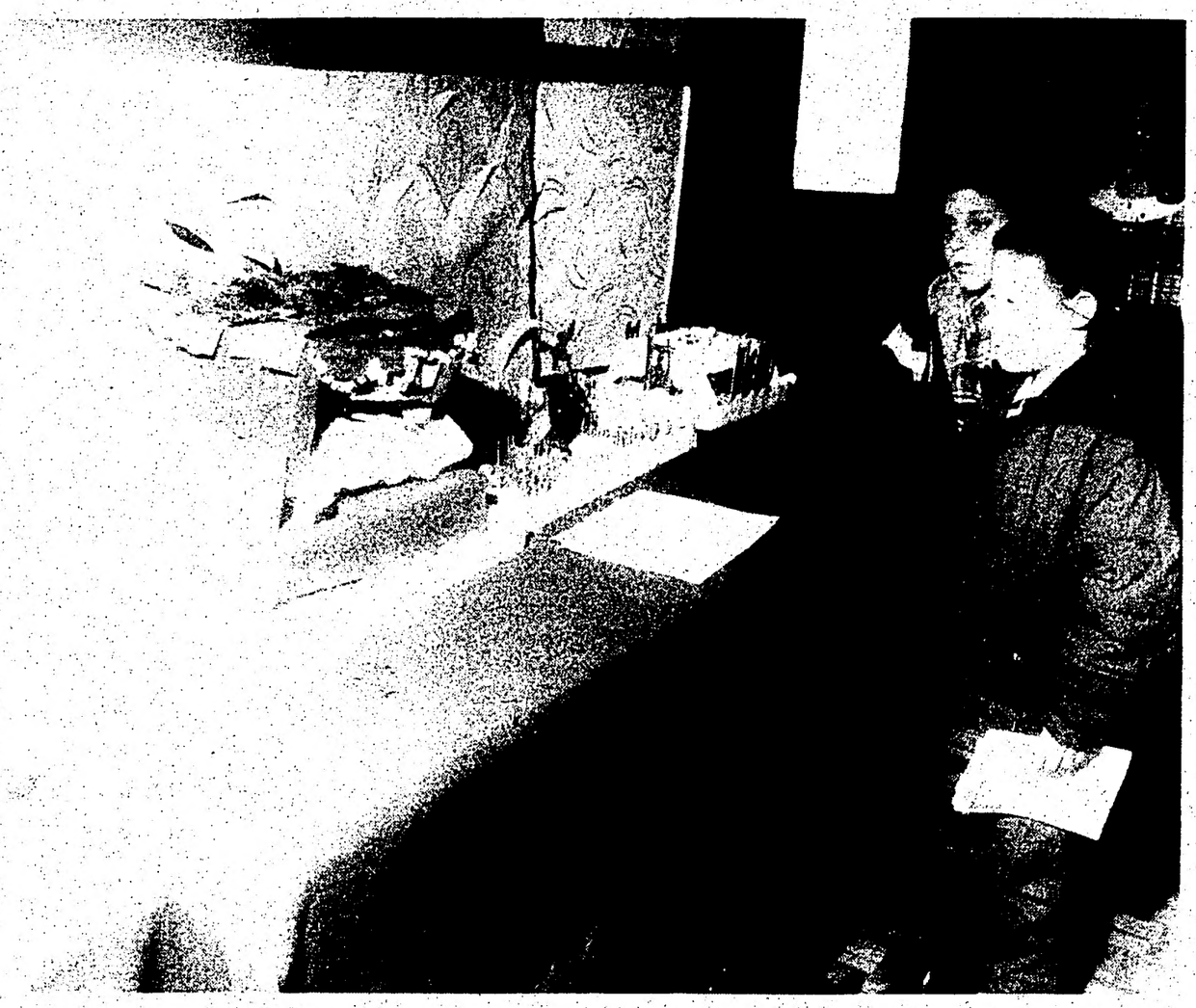
Weinberg is pleased about a new initiative taken by bar mitzvah boys.

"It has become popular," he says, for boys to learn an extra tractate of Talmud in the year before their bar mitzvah, and make a siyum (the traditional celebration held upon finishing the study of a section of a major religious work) at the same time as the bar mitzvah.

The effectiveness of the school in preparing students for future secular learning and careers results from several factors, says general studies principal Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits.

These factors include great selectivity in staff hiring, the introduction of a broader curriculum in the junior high, modification of the new mathematics to a more structured pattern, and standardized tests from which teachers receive computer created diagnostic evaluations identifying areas of concern for each class.

"We expect students to pursue higher level general studies after they leave Eitz Chaim, and thus imbue them with strong motivation for attaining very high levels," says Jakobovits.



Eitz Chaim students examine exhibits at annual Torah fair.

Eitz Chaim was established in 1915, with a Talmud Torah on Chestnut St. in St. John's Ward. Over the years, enrolment has grown, and the school has moved with the Jewish community. A new campus, comprising a day care centre, preschool, and girls' elementary classes is scheduled to open on York Hill Blvd. in Thornhill in September, 1987.

A library, computer room, lab, and gym, as well as a design enabling preschool age and school age children to have separate access to playground facilities will make it an exciting place to be, according to executive director Joseph Goldwasser.

For more information on the girls' school, phone (416) 789-4366, or write: 1 Viewmount Ave., Toronto, M6B 1T2. For more information on the boys' school, phone (416) 225-1187, or write 475 Patricia Ave., Willowdale, M2R 2N1.

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The schedule is: children 4-7 years, 9-11 a.m.; 7-10 years, 11.30-1.30 p.m. and 10-15 years, 2-4 p.m., Saturdays or Sundays.

Students also visit the Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, or the Metro Toronto Zoo in one field trip per session.

"Students are encouraged to work with other students on some projects and on their own specific project," said Kernerman. Each session concludes with an evening exhibit of the students' work for their parents.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Associated to celebrate its 80th year

By LEILA SPEISMAN

Associated Hebrew Schools, the largest day school network in North America is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year.

The school was founded in 1907 through the efforts of members of the Lithuanian and Galician Jewish communities, at the instigation of Rabbi Jacob Gordon.

Gordon, says Stephen Speisman, director of the Toronto Jewish Congress Archives, "saw the need for a community school which could attract qualified teachers, and thus raise the standards of Jewish education in Toronto generally."

Opening on Simcoe St. as the Toronto Hebrew Religion School, it moved in expanded form to Brunswick Ave. in the mid 1920s, changing its name to the Toronto Hebrew Free School. The day school began in the early 1940s.

Principal emeritus Dr. Levi Jacober, still active in school affairs, encouraged the amalgamation of various new branches of the school with several smaller schools under the umbrella of the Brunswick Talmud Torah shortly after World War II. He is believed to have created the name Associated Hebrew Schools.

The school has grown rapidly, and now has about 3,000 students in four locations; Bathurst and Neptune, Finch and Bathurst, Leslie and Steeles, and Clarke and Bathurst streets.

Exciting activities planned

Many exciting activities are being planned to celebrate the milestone, says Associated Public Relations officer Ruth Zaionce. The event, she says, will be a dinner on Nov. 8, honoring the dedication by Jack Daniels of the Leslie St. campus to the memory of his parents Esther and Abba Danyilak. Abba Danyilak was a teacher in the school for many years, and, was brought to Canada from Europe by Associated, says Zaionce.

Many student activities are in the planning stages as well, which will be coordinated by the principals of the various branches.

Field trips, such as an annual shabbaton with the Lubavitch community, help expand the experience of the children. Parents are encouraged to become actively involved, not just in working with their children, but in sharing their own expertise with the school.

Schoenfeld is a member of the Canadian Zionist Federation's National Bible Contest Committee, and the school is known for its participation and success in the Toronto Local Bible Contest (sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education) and the Regional and National Bible Contests (sponsored by the CZF). Into already tightly packed schedules, students cram extra hours of Torah study by meeting regularly in each others' homes and at the homes of their tutor Deborah Schoenfeld, and teacher, Ruth Stransky. The school has participated in the contest for the past five years.

Further information about the school can be obtained from Joan Schoenfeld at 923-6213.

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The Downtown Jewish Community School, located at the Jewish Community Centre, Bloor Branch, aims "to teach the love of Torah in an intense, involved way," says principal Joan Schoenfeld.

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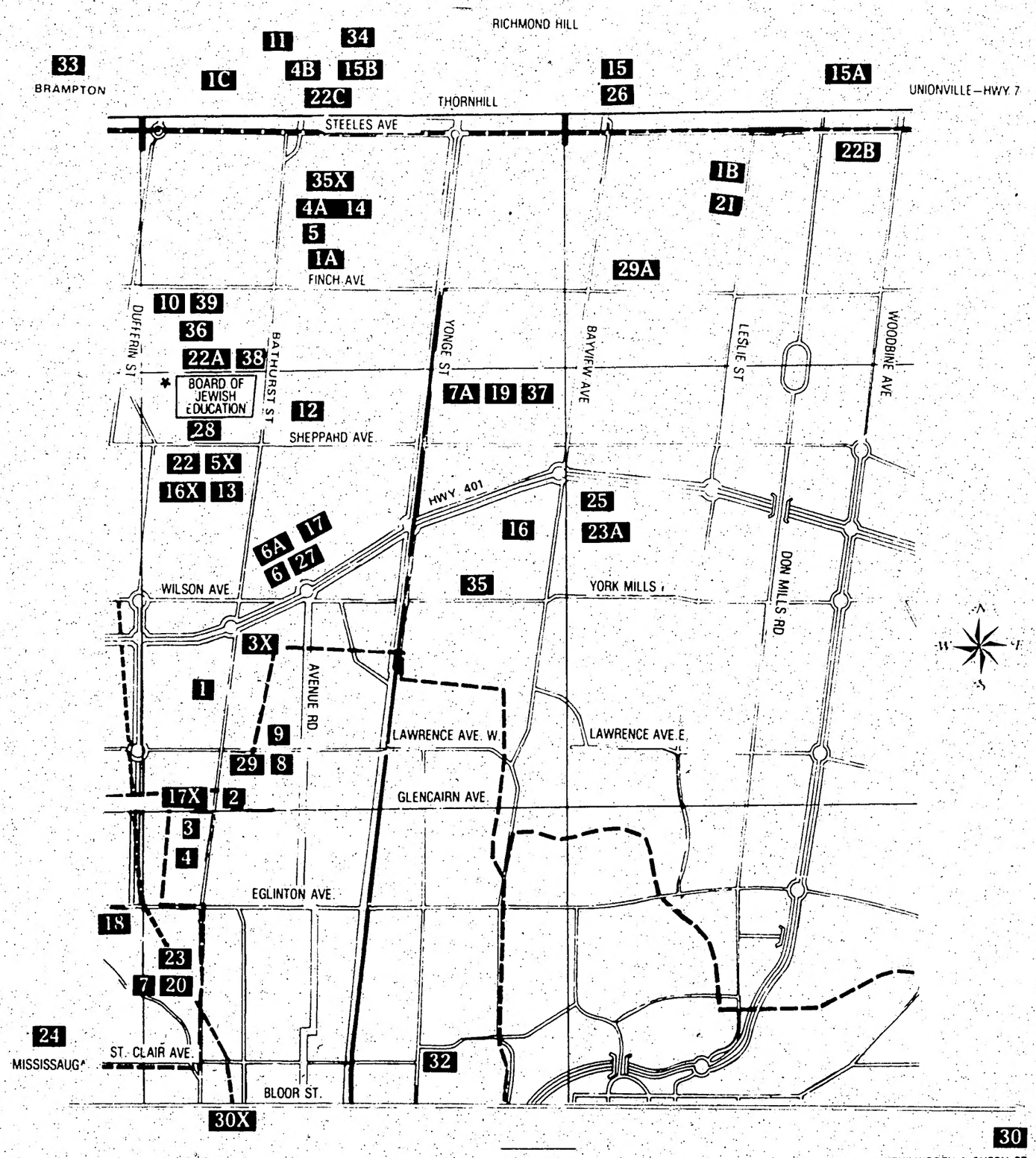

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Offers more stability

Bnai Akiva gets first permanent Rosh Yeshiva

By
JEFF ROSEN

After operating with a number of Rosh Yeshivas since its inception, Yeshivat Bnai Akiva Or Chaim/Ulpanot Orot Girls High School finally has made the position a permanent one.

Rabbi Avishai David, the school's first permanent dean or Rosh Yeshiva, said that in the past each dean has brought his own ideas and philosophy to the school. Now, he said, he will be able to offer more stability to the school and aid its growth.

"I like working in a setting where I can develop a relationship with students," said David, who began as a pulpit rabbi in New York before entering the field of Jewish education in the U.S. "I've seen different education systems and can understand and relate to teenagers."

Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim for boys (phone: 630-6772) and Ulpanot Orot Girls High School for girls (phone: 638-5434) provide an intensive Zionist education for about 120 high school students.

The boys' school started in 1973, with its sister school opening its doors the following year.

Yeshivat Or Chaim is modelled after the Yeshivot Bnei Akiva system in Israel and provides an intensive Jewish education with emphasis on Talmud which is presented through lectures and individual and group study in the bet medrash.

As the language of instruction at the schools is Hebrew, students need a knowledge of the language prior to enrolling at the school.

At Yeshivot Or Chaim, Torah learning, religious conduct, and adherence to Jewish values and ethics are the centre of daily discipline. Students are also provided with a sound general academic education to serve as a foundation for advanced studies. A semester-type program allows students to complete the university track program in four years.

The school day at Or Chaim begins with tefillah followed by breakfast. Jewish studies classes are conducted in the mornings and are supplemented with an additional weekly afternoon session.

While the boys have an intensive Talmudic education, the girls have a more varied program and are encouraged to spend time in Israel and become highly knowledgeable in Judaism while maintaining traditional values of the faith. David said a big sister/little sister program has been started at the girls' school.

Rabbi David Aronson, the school's executive director, said the school's outlook is more contemporary than some other schools as it is a yeshiva that is Zionist oriented and urges its students to pursue a higher education.

Upon graduation students are encouraged to attend yeshiot in Israel, he said, pointing out that from the boys' class of 1978 four out of 15 graduates have made aliya and 11 out of 25 girls have made aliya from the 1979 graduation class.

David said this year there are more Shabbatonim where students are taken on weekend retreats and more adult education classes to broaden the school's base.

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Scientific principles demonstrated

Leo Baeck expands annual fair

This year's annual science fair at Leo Baeck Jewish day school will run three instead of two days. This will give students a better opportunity to "harness their unbounded curiosity and energy," according to a school spokesman.

Every year as spring makes its appearance, the school holds a non-competitive science fair. Every year parents and teachers are pleasantly surprised at the interesting, high-quality displays engineered by the school's sprouting scientists.

Last year was no exception, despite the absence of a 1st-prize or other award, said the assistant director at the school.

All the pupils, from grades 1 through 8, participated in the project — a total of about 320.

Some displays demonstrated scientific principles, while others described various natural phenomenon.

Models of the solar system nudged up against miniature volcanoes and beaver dams. The functioning of electricity as well as of the kishkes, 'er, the digestive system, was also explained. Senior students presented a research project on the behavior of crickets in a closed environment.

The would-be David Suzuki and Jay Ingrams also were on hand to describe their projects to passersby at the 2-day fair.

That way, the kids could share their knowledge with other students and exchange ideas for future projects, says the spokesman.

Stress learning and enjoyment

Extrinsic rewards for learning are unnecessary, goes the theory. Children are happy to learn for the joy of learning, if they are properly motivated.

"What we're trying to stress is participatory learning and enjoyment. Our educational philosophy is the love of learning — non-competitive learning. If you compete with anyone, it's yourself."

Instead of prizes and awards the children are expected to be motivated by the "intrinsic rewards" associated with the projects. "The act of investigating is rewarding in itself."

And if all goes according to plan, what the children learn, in addition to the content of the projects, is how to organize oneself, to plan in advance and to take pride in a job well done.

Stresses unique heritage

Or Ha'emet serves Sephardim

Or Ha'emet is in its 12th year of providing a day school education for the Sephardic community in Toronto.

Rabbi Eliezer Rokach has this year assumed the duties of educational director. Rabbi Amram Assayag, spiritual leader of Petach Tikvah Congregation, has remained with the school as educational consultant for Sephardic heritage and customs.

Rabbi Rokach explained that the school stresses the unique Sephardic heritage, particularly the importance of the Hebrew language.

Many Sephardic students had problems in the general day school population, where the traditions, customs, rituals and even prayers were different from what they experienced at home.

"Learning their own tradition makes the students proud of their heritage, and gives them a sense of comfort and peace of mind," asserts Rokach.

While much of the curriculum is the regular Orthodox day school curriculum, there are certain distinctive features here.

An intense French language program helps maintain the children's attachment to, and understanding of the heritage of their parents, as does the teaching of Sephardic customs.

The Sephardic prayers and synagogue ritual are taught both by example, and by specially designed tapes.

Children in the higher grades write essays each year on the leading Sephardic scholars.

The 225 students currently attend classes in rented quarters at Adath Israel and Temple Sinai synagogues, but a sign on a vacant parcel of land at Bathurst just north of Steeles indicates the school's intention to build a permanent structure of its own. Fund raising for the project is going on now, and Rabbi Rokach hopes to be in the new facility in September of 1987.

Rabbi Rokach is pleased that the school is constantly growing, both in numbers of students and in the program offered. This is not only because of the increasing numbers of Sephardim in Toronto, but because they are more anxious to give their children the edueation necessary to enhance and support their unique heritage.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Third branch to open soon

USDS growing both physically, spiritually

By JEFF ROSEN

Like the young charges it serves, United Synagogue Day School is growing both physically and spiritually.

The Conservative-based day school will open its third branch come September in Richmond Hill with Shaareh Haim Synagogue acting as its host synagogue. Dr. Aaron Nussbaum, director of education for USDS, said a morning nursery school will begin at that time and they hope to add one class each year following.

"We're trying to service the Conservative Jewish community," Nussbaum said. "That's why we're going north."

The school's Bayview campus at Beth Tikvah Synagogue will also see a few changes for the 1987-88 school year when grade 7 classes begin at the campus. At the moment, grades 7-9 are only offered at the Bathurst campus at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Nussbaum said they are currently in the "intensive planning stage" of adding a new school wing at the Bayview campus which would include over 10 classrooms as well as specialty rooms. Not to be ignored, Nussbaum said the Bathurst campus will be involved in renovating its own premises.

The intercongregational United Synagogue Day School traces its roots back to 1961 when it was formed from Beth Tzedec's Foundation School. With an initial enrolment of 66 students, Nussbaum said the school has its highest enrolment ever this year with 822 students. As well, he said, there are already waiting lists for each preschool class for next year.

Nussbaum said USDS started as an academic school with an emphasis on Hebrew language instruction and Jewish subjects. While learning from the many "fads and developments" that have taken place over its history, he said the school's emphasis remains essentially the same.

The school's curriculum covers traditional texts with modern Hebrew and students study classic and modern commentaries. At the same time, they are allowed to discuss their own religious experiences while focusing on traditional observances.

Nussbaum said a few changes have been made in the curriculum with French now being introduced in grade 2 instead of the following year and a computer studies course being offered for credit in grade 9. Up to now, Nussbaum said, computer studies has been a non-credit course in grade 9.

The school also runs field trips to the Ontario Science Centre and museums and special in-school and holiday programs.

The annual Learnathon program allows students to examine a specific theme through speakers and seminars and to raise money for a cause they choose. During the recent 6th annual Learnathon, students examined the theme of In Pursuit of Peace and raised funds for the purchase of an Aron Kodish for the Soldiers Recreation Centre in Beersheba.

The school's annual Science Fair provides an opportunity for the junior high students to demonstrate their research skills and their awareness of current concerns and technology.

For more information on USDS call 781-5658 or 225-1143.

Bialik may lose grade due to lack of interest

Bialik Hebrew Day School provides its over 700 students with a special Labor Zionist education with Israel as its central theme. However a whole grade may lose this educational focus, according to the school's principal.

David Gamliel said Bialik's grade 9 class may be phased out next year due to a lack of interest. He said many students now prefer to start high school in grade 9, instead of the following year. If that happens, he said, they will lose the school's Labor Zionist education.

This approach to education has its roots in the Jewish Folk Shule of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance (Farband) which began in 1926 in two semi-detached houses on Cecil St. and the Borochov Folk Shule and Kindergarten which was founded by the Borochov Movement in 1932 and became an official school four years later.

As the need for a full-time Jewish day school became more and more obvious, educators and parents of children attending both schools agreed to merge under the Labor Zionist Movement in 1961 and form Bialik.

As well as focusing on Israel and Hebrew language and literature, the school teaches Yiddish language and literature and students are involved in field trips to Ottawa, Quebec and the U.S. and community affairs.

As part of their involvement with the community, students from grades 1-9 raised $1,200 in Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel Shai L'Chayal (Soldiers Gift Parcel) program at Chanukah. The funds raised went towards providing Israeli soldiers with Chanukah gifts.

The program was introduced by Carol Baratz, youth project chairman for AWSI, and included a movie called Together about the Israeli army. Each student wrote letters to soldiers in Israel and grade 8 student Benjamin Goldstein gave a report about his recent trip to Israel. Fiona Hagler coordinated the project at the school.

The school's curriculum also calls for a sound education in mathematics and science and music is also stressed. Artists from the community, including members of the Toronto Symphony, regularly demonstrate their skills at Bialik.

For further information call 783-3346.

B'nai Shalom runs kids' program

The B'nai Shalom Day Nursery features a government licensed early childhood education program for children from 2½-5 years of age. Located at 275 Arnold Ave., in Thornhill, it is on the north Bathurst bus route. It operates Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., all year round. Hot, kosher lunches and snacks are provided.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Beth Jacob teaches girls to serve community

Girls should be educated to be sensitive human beings, not just learning machines, asserts Beth Jacob High School principal Rabbi Akiva Stefansky. "If you don't serve your community, who will?"

Accordingly, service to the community and the giving of one's talent are at the heart of the learning experience offered at the school. Besides the regular curriculum, the students must perform a certain amount of community service.

"There are schools that just have classrooms and teachers and make subjects available, but I think the products of these schools do not fend very well for themselves, nor do they make the proper contribution to the community" says the rabbi.

Although the majority of students are graduates of Orthodox day schools, Stefansky points out that the high school, which is uncompromisingly Orthodox, accepts people "from all over." The school has absorbed people who did not know the Hebrew alphabet when they arrived.

The caring guidance of each individual student is an essential part of the education offered by Beth Jacob.

Remedial teaching and tutoring by volunteer alumnae in all subjects are readily available. It's all part of what Rabbi Stefansky maintains is a schooling environment which permits "every student to fulfil her potential."

All courses offered at the school are designated advanced according to the classification provided by the Ontario ministry of education.

"What is most important to me is that there is a harmony within students between what they are and what they aspire to be," says the rabbi.

Most Beth Jacob graduates go on to higher studies where the rabbi hopes they will acquire further skills to be of service to their community.

"We are in this world to contribute, not to take. And the best contribution for a Jewish woman to make is to contribute to education," Stefansky says.

The 120 students attend classes in attractive surroundings at the campus at 410 Lawrence Ave. W. In addition to a comprehensive library, a number of learning activity centres have been established, in language arts, mathematics and the sciences. A number of computers are available, as is a firing kiln for the art classes, an item contributed by the school's sisterhood.

Beth Jacob also houses the Jacob Perlman Teachers' Seminary, which has been in existence for 11 years. Stefansky says seminary students are taught a professional curriculum designed to help them identify and respond Jewishly to all aspects of child growth and development. The accent is on practical teaching skills and classroom management.

The 2-year program is often followed, or preceded, by a year in Israel. Many seminary graduates find positions in Toronto's extensive network of Jewish day and supplementary schools.

Rabbi Stefansky reports that the school is discussing ways to expand their overcrowded facilities, either in the same location or in the Thornhill area.

Summing up the school's philosophy, Stefansky said the purpose of Beth Jacob "is to develop individuals who guarantee the continued healthy existence of the Jewish people."

Students of varied backgrounds integrated in CHAT programs

The successful integration of students from diverse backgrounds has led the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto to more than double its school population in the last eight years, its headmaster says.

Having grown from 229 students eight years ago to 540 today, CHAT is feeling a space pinch. A feasibility committee has been appointed to find the school a suitable home, says Rabbi Marvin Pachino.

Founded in 1960 to provide a comprehensive Jewish high school education for day school graduates, CHAT "is a community school in the fullest sense of the word," Pachino says.

"The students come to work together, to learn together — without sacrificing their individuality."

While not a yeshiva, CHAT offers programs that will appeal to the religiously oriented student including morning and afternoon minyans. The school also still has a program to integrate students with a minimal Hebrew education background.

Zionism is very much a part of the CHAT curriculum both formally and informally, says Pachino, and "we also try to create a sense of responsibility to oppressed Jews, to feel a sense of identity and kinship."

A significant per cent of every graduating class goes to Israel for some form of study, and some students have made aliya, the headmaster says.

Most CHAT students go to university and enter business or the professions; older graduates have become active and prominent in community affairs, he adds.

Since all work and no play makes Yaakov a dull boy, however, CHAT also offers its student body a variety of extracurricular programs.

Under the chairmanship of Tami Gladman, David Lederer and Russell Goldman, the Community Services Committee is working to get students active in service to the community.

With the help of other Jewish agencies, students directed by the committee have brought joy to the elderly and the hospitalized. A point system has been created to honor the volunteers with certificates of appreciation.

Because students from different grades don't always get to know one another, the student council created a house system linking students across the levels. The various houses have taken responsibility for different social events.

The Israel Affairs Committee kept students involved recently by sending two representatives, Johnathan Glass and Gil Schreier, to the Canada Israel Committee conference in Ottawa.

Chairman of the Oppressed Jewry committee, Yonina Razin, kept the fires burning for Soviet Jewry by organizing a December program for CHAT's adopted Refuseniks Efim Kelman and Tanya Dorin. The school called the Kelman family in December, and students have carried on a mail campaign on behalf of other Soviet Jews.

The Religious Affairs Committee, chaired by Aaron Feldman and Aaron Wagschul, showed initiative by setting up the first Mishmar program to bring visiting rabbis to the school once a month for a lecture and a meal. And also for the first time in many years, the school had a choir, led by Debbi Diamond, to sing at assemblies and on other occasions.

The combination of academics and extracurricular activities at CHAT serve to transmit "the totality of the Jewish experience."

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

New school grows steadily

Netivot HaTorah adds Talmud in September

By JEFF ROSEN

The Talmud is coming to Netivot HaTorah Day School this fall.

Starting in September, this North York based Hebrew day school will begin the instruction of Talmud in its first year grade 6 class emphasizing basic vocabulary and stressing guidelines and procedures.

Rabbi Zev Shimansky, the school's education director, says that as well adding a grade 6 class in the 1987-88 school year, the 2½ year old school will have two grade 2 classes.

This year, he said, the school added a second grade 1 class and additional tutorial time to give students more help and to provide English as a Second Language instruction for Israeli students. Also, for the first time, nine students from Netivot HaTorah will participate in the Canadian Bible Contest next month.

Shimansky said the study of Mishnah was also introduced in the first grade 5 through a compilation of selected Mishnayot.

He said the centrist-Orthodox day school was founded by a group of parents to fill a perceived void in the community.

Starting out at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am in 1984 with a student enrolment of 40 in junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten and grade 1, the school has doubled the number of each of its initial classes and has added grades 2 through 5 for a total of 212 students.

To accommodate its growing student body, the school recently added two portable classrooms.

Shimansky said classes at Netivot HaTorah will remain co-educational until the 1988-89 school year when boys and girls are separated in the first grade 7 class. Despite the separation though, he said the commitment to education will remain the same and Talmud will be taught to both sexes.

While formal reading programs in English and Hebrew do not start until grade 1, Shimansky said Hebrew instruction starts as early as junior kindergarten.

He said the day school is level-oriented with a few groups in each class to allow children to move from level to level at their own speed.

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Free Torah High for everyone

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

No correlation between intelligence and learning problems

Ezra, She'arim reach hard to teach children

"Mummy, why can't I learn to read like Chaim?" This heart-breaking wail may be the first indication parents have that their child has a learning problem.

The term "learning problem," or "learning disability," as it may be called in more severe cases, refers to a difficulty with the mechanics of learning, not with the ability to learn. This difficulty can range from an attention span too short to permit the child to take in the information taught, to problems with under developed motor coordination, which makes it difficult for the child to learn to write, and the classic, more widely known dyslexia, where children actually see things reversed. The child may well have several areas of concern.

Learning, explains teacher Dory Levine, occurs in three stages, consisting of the taking in of information, the processing of information in the brain, and, finally, the sending out of a message about what you have learned. Problems may arise in any of these processes.

Until recently, children having these problems were often considered stupid or just plain lazy. "You can appreciate the frustration and anguish these children must have felt when the simplest learning task appeared impossible," said Levine.

There is no correlation at all between intelligence and the presence of a learning problem; indeed, many of these children are quite bright.

Once their problem has been recognized, what is the best way to educate these children? The first impulse is to remove them from a dual language program. French immersion schools follow this procedure, and diagnostic and hospital centres often try to insist on it.

For those parents committed to a Jewish education for their child, the question is not so simple. Hebrew language, the learning of traditions, Jewish values, an appreciation of their identity as a Jew, and the need for these children to remain a part of their community and family are all important.

About 25 years ago, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, together with parents concerned that their learning disabled children were not getting any Jewish training, founded the Ezra School.

Ezra, which now has 5 students, although it would welcome more, serves children in special education classes in the public school system, those in a regular class receiving remedial help, or those who simply have difficulty adjusting to a regular afternoon school.

It meets Monday and Wednesday from 4.30-6 p.m. in the school wing of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Downsview.

Ezra's emphasis is on reading Hebrew, holidays, and history. The production of elaborate murals, music and arts and crafts promote a fun atmosphere in which to learn. All teachers have special education training.

For further information, call Rabbi Kelman at 633-3838.

In 1981, several parents felt that a day school education was essential for their children with learning disabilities, and so, with the help of Rabbi Kelman and Rabbi Irwin Witty of the Toronto Board of Education, She'arim Hebrew Day School was born.

Elaine Rubinoff, the dynamic and enthusiastic principal, stresses that She'arim basically is just like any other day school, following guidelines and rules of the Board of Jewish Education and the Ontario Ministry of Education. The difference lies in how the teaching is accomplished.

Classes are small, especially for reading, writing and math. Specially trained teachers work with each child to enable him or her to reach individualized goals.

The school uses a method of teaching based on Israeli educator Reuven Feuerstein's "cognitive strategies." Stressing concepts such as "follow a model (i.e. example)," "be precise," and "organize," children are, in the words of one pleased father "taught how to learn."

A special effort is made to involve the parents. In the younger grades, the homework book is an especially effective tool. It is used not only to record assignments, but as a communication tool between parents and teachers.

Parents are encouraged to assist children with their work, and to keep in active contact with the school. Twice-yearly parent-teacher conferences, in which all the child's teachers are present for an intense, half-hour session, help keep the parents aware of the child's progress.

The ultimate goal of the school is to mainstream the children into a regular school. Graduates, who may have been in the school for one year or for several, have gone to the public schools, and to such diverse day schools as Leo Baeck, USDS, and Eitz Chaim.

Because the children come from the spectrum of religious observance, Rubinoff points out, they are taught to accept other people's beliefs and standards.

The school, which now has 43 students, meets in the school wing of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. For registration and further information, phone Rubinoff, at 633-8247.

Tradition, academics at Maimonides College

"Torah Im Derech Eretz," the study of Torah combined with a knowledge of the modern world, is the basic philosophy of Maimonides College.

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Its attempts to infuse age-old Jewish ethical principles into the totality of the lives of its students are a challenge, demanding a balance between serious study in Jewish subjects such as philosophy, history, Hebrew, Bible and Talmud, with university level courses in literature, psychology, education and mathematics.

"Students are expected to come out with a clear vocational training and also a clear understanding of the culture of Canada and of the world in which they live," he said.

Both a 3-year BA and 4-year honor BA program is available, and can include majors in areas of general studies, which may be taken at other universities, with credits being transfered to the college.

The college's slogan is taken from Maimonides, the medieval Jewish philosopher and halachist.

The aims of its education are the classic ones of chesed (kindness), misphat (justice) and tzedakah (charity).

Most of Maimonides College's students have been educated within the Jewish school system, and come to the school for an adult in-depth understanding of Jewish philosophy, religion and cultural values.

Students become part of one of four separate colleges at the school: Yeshurun College for men and Morasha College for women who are full-time students, and Masora College for men and Temima College for women who are part-time students.

For more information about Maimonides College, contact the school at P.O. Box 6510, Station "A" Toronto, Ont., M5W 1X4, or phone 961-1527 in Toronto or 527-2225 in Hamilton.

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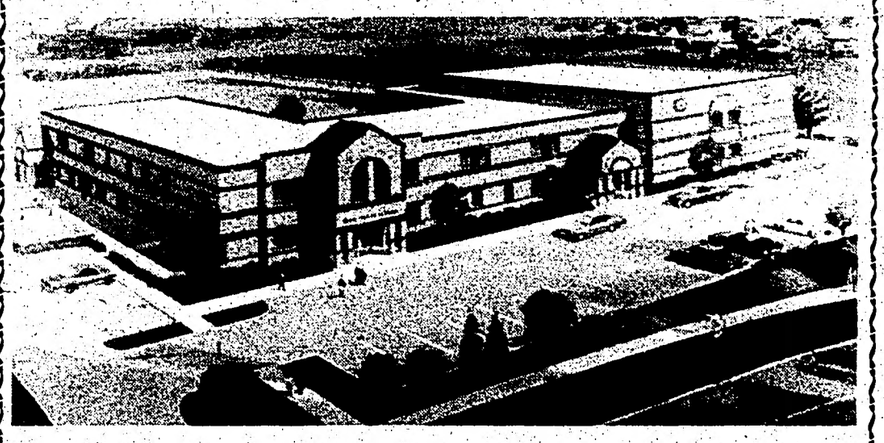

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Variety of subjects offered

Supplementary schools grow north of Steeles

Supplementary schools north of Steeles offer a variety of subjects and religious outlooks.

Ohalei Yosef Yitzchak is the only Orthodox supplementary school north of Steeles. It now holds classes at Thornhill Public School at Yonge and Arnold, and at St. Rene Goupil Separate School in the Bayview-John area. Students attend from one to three times a week, depending on their age.

Although principal David Lawrence and director Hy Cohen recognize that the student body is not, generally speaking, Orthodox in practice, that is the ideology taught at the school. The curriculum includes Hebrew language, holidays, religious customs, history and prayer.

Computer-assisted instruction is a special feature. Melava malkas and shabbatons not only are fun for the students, but give them a greater appreciation of Jewish observance.

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Shaarei Haim Hebrew School, affiliated with the United Synagogue of America (Conservative) and Shaarei Haim Congregation, meets at Roselawn Public School on Carrville Rd. in Richmond Hill.

New principal Herb Spindel says that the school tries to foster "a love of the customs and traditions of Judaism, as well as an understanding and appreciation of Torah." Students attend from two hours to six hours per week, depending on their age. Besides the regular approved curriculum, they take part in the National Bible Contest and in the Board of Jewish Education's Zimria, (song festival.)

Special tutors and programs are available for students (and parents) with little or no Jewish background.

Children are encouraged to build their own library of books on Jewish subjects. In grade 3, they receive a siddur from the school.

The school believes that Jewish education should not stop at bar or bat mitzvah; it now goes up to grade 8.

Joseph Klinger (phone 884-9730) is the principal of **Shaar Shalom Religious School,** which meets at Zion Hts. Jr. High School at 5900 Leslie St.

Klinger believes that the students are highly motivated because of the homelike, warm atmosphere in which they are taught the regular Board of Jewish Education and United Synagogue curriculum. A highlight of the year is the graduation exercises of its grade 7 students.

Students attend from one to three times a week depending on their age. They occasionally participate in morning services at Shaar Shalom Synagogue and in the junior congregation there.

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Two independent schools not affiliated with the Board of Jewish education are also offering a Conservative-oriented approach in the Thornhill-Markham areas.

B'nai Shalom Hebrew School (previously known as B'nai Shalom North Hebrew School) meets at Westminster Public School at 366 Mullen Dr., just north of Bathurst and Steeles. The school offers classes from kindergarten through grade 7, together with a bar and bat mitzvah program. An upgrading program is available for those with no previous Jewish education, as well as an advanced course for those with a day school background. Arts and crafts and a choir help enrich the basic curriculum.

Holidays are family events, celebrated by the school and the synagogue with which the school is affiliated, B'nai Shalom North. The proceedings are frequently shown on local cable television, which helps instill pride in the students.

An intensive bar/bat mitzvah program includes individual and classroom teaching, as well as a course in synagogue skills, led by Rabbi Solomon Domb. School coordinator Sadie Domb (731-2797) says with obvious pride that the methods used are "good enough to enable learning disabled children to master their haftorah."

In-Home Hebrew School offers in-home classes in Thornhill, Unionville, and Willowdale. A computerized Hebrew program is available, and students can learn Hebrew language, Judaism and holidays.

The school is affiliated with Am Echad Congregation.

Rabbi David Cooper, the principal, who can be contacted at 731-8458, or 787-7830, hopes to have a newly bought house rezoned so that not only supplementary classes can be offered there, but also a regular Hebrew day school and a day nursery.

He also aims to start classes in the new Royal Downs subdivision off Bathurst St. in the spring of 1987.

Temple Har Zion Religious School is a Reform supplementary school affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. It offers courses three days a week: Tuesday and Thursday for Hebrew Language, and Saturday mornings or Monday evenings (grade 7-10) for religious instruction.

The over 400 students also enjoy a choir, debating team and youth groups, as well as inter-temple and Board of Jewish Education programs.

One third of the staff are graduates of the school's own teachers' training program.

A new feature of the school is the buddy system, in which children with special needs are paired with more advanced students. The system has proved very popular.

Contact Rabbi Gottlieb, 889-2780, for further information.

Day school preserves Russians' heritage

Because there has been no formal Jewish education in Russia for over 70 years, Soviet immigrants to Canada frequently made no effort to give their children any exposure to it either in day or afternoon school.

About 9 years ago, the Board of Jewish Education and what is now the Association for Soviet Jewry in Canada determined to change that situation, and founded the Orah School. It is now the only all day Sunday school for Russian Jewish immigrant children in North America.

Beginning as a social program in the first year, eight years ago it became a full-fledged all day Sunday School, with Gary Levine as principal, and Berta Soroka, who had been an educator in Russia, as its administrator. There are now 60 children, from preschool on up.

The program is personalized, since each age group will include children with different educational levels and amounts of Jewish experience.

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The curriculum emphasizes Jewish traditions, such as Shabbat, the Jewish life cycle, holidays, Hebrew language, including the prayer book to a certain extent, and history. Each subject is dealt with differently according to the level of each class.

There is a music program each Sunday, as well as crafts for the younger children. A short assembly before lunch (which is provided by the school) serves to develop a sense of school community.

Believing that the children's Russian heritage should be preserved, the last 1½ hours of each day are devoted to Russian language education. They have an opportunity to discuss their Hebrew learning in Russian, which strengthens both aspects of learning.

The resources of the Board of Jewish Education's media centre are used extensively, as are its education consulting services. "We have to prepare many of our texts ourselves," points out Levine.

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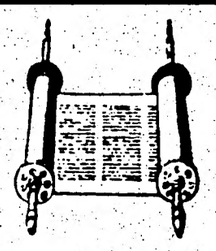

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Music teacher Dawn Bernstein leads Shaar Shalom participants at recent zimriya, the Board of Jewish Education's annual music festival.

Students of Kadimah School performed at the zimriya, music festival, for the first time last year. [Graphic Artists photo]

Consensus: Schools prepare students for life

By
DAVID LAZARUS

The issue was a thorny one:

Just how well does the Jewish school system prepare its students — the Jewish community's future mainstream adult population and leaders — for life?

That was the topic of a workshop at the National Education Conference, held under the auspices of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

And if the answers offered by the four young participants were any indication, no easy consensus was forthcoming.

For Brian Keshen, a graduate of Toronto's Community Hebrew Academy, and currently a student at Toronto's Jewish teacher training program, the question to pose was "Am I first prepared for life in general?"

Many factors contribute to paving the way to a responsible, dedicated Jewish life, he said, "and how I accept myself as a Jew is the key to my involvement."

There are several other crucial factors, he said: Is the school helping me to become aware? Can I personally have an influence? What about the family contribution?

"School provided the social framework for me to be active in the Jewish community," he said. "By going to Bialik (Hebrew day school), it gave me the sense of community within a contained structure, as compared to the rest of the neighborhood."

Montreal's Janie Respitz Ben-Shach, a graduate of its Jewish primary and secondary system, began her active involvement in school when representatives of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry came to recruit volunteers.

"I got really turned on by the cause," she said. "It started with school but then it became my own, personal involvement."

Seven years later, she said, "I am still involved."

It's very clear, Ben-Shach said without hesitation, "that I started becoming actively involved because I was in a Jewish day school. I don't know if I would have gotten there on my own. In that sense, it did prepare me."

Carni Rose, a graduate of Winnipeg's Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate and chairman of the Jewish Students Network Canada, Western Region, said that few schools compare to his alma mater in terms of preparing its graduates for an active and committed life in the Jewish community, even if it does involve a little coercion.

"Students are responsible for being involved for a minimum period of time," he said. Students in grades 8-12 can lead a Shabbat service and have a say in their synagogues, important in terms of motivation, Carni pointed out.

Jonathan Schneiderman, another panelist, had some impressive credits too, as a one-time president of the Hillel Jewish Student's Union in Ottawa and now a vice-president of the Young Liberals of Canada.

Schneiderman said that although his afternoon school education in Montreal was "first class," it did not prepare him — "it failed me" — when it came time to intellectually confront anti-Israel propaganda at the University of Ottawa.

"I didn't know how to counter it," he said.

His main complaint is that Jewish students are not taught the intricacies of Zionism and Israeli history to prepare them for the outside world and are caught off guard when they come face to face with it.

No consensus emerged, but the four graduates did agree that the Jewish schools' role all starts on the ground floor, as "part and parcel of the curriculum."

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From nurseries through high school

Nearly 6,400 students in supplementary schools

Nearly 6,400 students are enroled this year in Toronto's supplementary Jewish schools. Their offerings are as wide ranging as are the religious ideologies they represent.

Holy Blossom Temple Religious School is one of the largest supplementary schools, with an enrolment of 933 children. Hebrew studies are offered twice weekly in the late afternoon, and in two sessions on Saturday. A nursery for 3 and 4-year-olds meets Monday to Friday, in both afternoon and morning sessions.

Parents of pupils attending the school must be Temple members.

Temple Emanu-El Religious School has a program emphasizing Hebrew language and Judaic studies, for children from kindergarten to grade 10, the confirmation year, which culminates in a 6-week trip to Israel.

A special pre bar/bat mitzvah program sees the children volunteering to work at one of 12 social service agencies, such as Bloorview Hospital, Baycrest Centre, or the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for at least 10 weeks. The diary which they keep is shared at the bar/bat mitzvah.

Director of education Marlene Myerson reports enrolment at 200 students, a figure she does not expect to change much, since attendance is restricted to Temple members, whose number is at its maximum.

Temple Sinai Religious School, at 210 Wilson Ave., has a "comprehensive, child-oriented approach," says Sandra Raben, director of education. "There's everything from a Mommie-and-Me program for 18-month-olds, to pre-school for 2-year-olds, to a special nursery school for 3 and 4 year olds, five times a week in both morning and afternoon sessions."

The religious school, which goes from junior kindergarten to grade 12, teaches holidays, customs, ethics and history, while the Hebrew school, running from grade 3 to grade 7, stresses Hebrew language and prayer.

Special features of the school are active youth groups, bar and bat mitzvah classes, and a pre-school day camp for children 2½ to 6 years old, which, besides the regular camp facilities, accommodates special needs children, including those visually impaired or with Down's Syndrome.

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Parents can also take advantage of supplementary Judaic studies programs offered by schools not affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. Among these are the Torah Ohr and North York Community Hebrew Schools.

Torah Ohr, a private school operated by Michael Rubinoff, has offered a traditionally oriented education to a constantly growing student body since 1954. There are now several hundred children at the school, reports Rubinoff, many from Montreal and South Africa.

Hebrew language, history, customs and synagogue skills are stressed. An attempt is made to keep the program current. Courses on the women's movement and the meaning of the Holocaust for today's world are now offered.

Classes are held at Steelesview and Bayview Fairways Public Schools. Call 630-3337 for more information.

The North York Community Hebrew School meets Sunday mornings at Fisherville Jr. High School, 425 Patricia Ave. The school, with about 400 students, is non-denominational, and the administrators are especially pleased with the low student-teacher ratio. The school has been in existence for 25 years.

Kadima fosters confidence

The Kadima school, founded in 1961 by Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, was the first Hebrew school in Canada to serve the mentally handicapped, says principal Ruth Kelman. "It is a model for North America," she told The Canadian Jewish News.

The students, who range from youngsters to adults, come for between 1½ and 2 hours every Sunday to Kadima's classrooms in the school wing of Beth Emeth.

The warm relaxed atmosphere makes it not just a learning experience but a social outlet as well, according to Kelman. "Everyone feels comfortable and enjoys coming."

The curriculum, geared to the levels and abilities of the students, covers Jewish rituals, holidays, Bible stories, music and crafts. A weekly service in the shul chapel is designed to familiarize students with synagogue procedure.

This year, emphasis is being placed on the study of Israel, and on what it means to be a Jew.

Mentally disabled Jewish patients from the Huronia Institute in Orillia are brought to the school to help celebrate holidays like Sukkot, Chanukah, and Pesach.

The school has trained some students for their bar mitzvah, an event neither they nor their parents had ever thought possible.

Kelman tries to give the students as many normal Jewish experiences as possible. They take part in the UJA walkathon, and appear for Purim in colorful and imaginative costumes. A special event last year, which will be repeated this year, is participation in the Board of Jewish Education's music concert, the Zimria. "The ovation they received was not only moving for the organizers," reported Kelman, "but gave a tremendous sense of pride to the students and their parents."

Many parents don't realize the benefit these people derive from identification with their Jewish heritage, she said. "They have a feeling of belonging — a new sense of confidence from being part of their community."

Those interested in learning more about Kadima can contact the synagogue at 633-3838, or Ruth Kelman, at 635-0640 after regular office hours.

School teaches secular values

The Secular Jewish Association Sunday School offers a "non-religious approach to teaching Jewish history, culture, values and Hebrew language," thus "developing in the children a strong identification as secular Jews," says head teacher Karen Levy.

The 79 students (30 in the Hebrew program) are taught on Sunday mornings at St. Andrews Jr. High School in North York. The school stresses "Jewish history and values, especially the humanistic aspects of relationships with each other."

A great many special events are arranged. Traditional and modern Yiddish and Hebrew music is taught by teacher Debbie Shuster. This year, grades 3 to 7 attended a production of the Diary of Anne Frank at the Young Peoples' Theatre.

Cooking, storytelling, simulation games and drama are used to highlight appropriate aspects of the curriculum. This year, several of the students will be taking part in a unique "coming of age" ceremony.

Parents are expected to participate in school activities, and Levy reports that they all do, in whatever way they can.

The school, administered by a committee of parents, belongs to the Secular Jewish Association, an affiliate of the North American Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, and a member of the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

Call Levy at 477-3918 or 477-8120 for more information.

Many courses at Beth Tikvah

For nearly 20 years, Beth Tikvah Congregational School has provided a Jewish education for congregants' children and for those from the general community. The synagogue chapel and facilities are available to the school, and the synagogue library is an important resource centre, says a school principal.

The curriculum is constantly evaluated to meet the needs of the students. Special streams are offered for those with no Jewish background, as well as for those with a day school background. Remedial help is available when necessary, in all grades.

A junior high school program has replaced the standard grade 7, so that students may choose from course options in the Beth Tikvah High School program as well as from a core curriculum.

The high school courses offer students from grade 8 up a variety of subjects ranging from Yiddish to Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust. Also available is a Baycrest volunteer program.

The school offers classes from kindergarten to "post grade 10" as well as a Hebrew for High School credit program, granting language credits for grades 10-13.

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Volunteers Ella Stoch and Laila Wierzba use an autoharp to introduce Solel children to music.

At Solel Congregation...

Members become teachers

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. — The secret of success of Solel Congregation's education program is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable pool of member instructors, according to spiritual leader Rabbi Lawrence Englander.

The congregation, with 217 families from Toronto, Oakville, Burlington, Thornhill and Mississauga, recently celebrated its 13th anniversary.

Said Englander: "Bar and bat mitzvah tutors are drawn entirely from Solel education program graduates. This accomplishes at least two things:

• "It demonstrates that the mitzvah *veshinantem levanecha* (you shall teach them to your children) is so important that we should do it ourselves.

• "It provides an opportunity for Jewish teenagers to pass on to other students the skills they have learned themselves, in the process imparting a strong congregational spirit.

"It's one of the many ways we try to provide a link between school and shul," he said.

As a congregation, Solel is committed to a Judaic teaching staff at Bet Sefer Solel consisting totally of members, he said.

Says education director Joy Wasserman: "Teacher-training sessions, professional development days, and selected speakers have produced teaching skills that we never dreamed existed; and virtually all of it is coming from within our own community."

Solel now has a long list of volunteer gabayim, Torah chanters and service leaders — all trained by other members. There is also a sister congregation, Kehilat Ramat Hasharon in Israel, which helps to strengthen Solel's emotional and practical ties to the Jewish homeland.

Solel is also one of the few congregations that have never levied a charge for non-members who want to attend High Holy Day services.

Plans for expanding Solel's facilities are underway, according to Dr. Harold Levy, synagogue president.

For more information, phone Englander or Wasserman at (416) 820-5915.

Kreative Kids bring computers to tots

By JEFF ROSEN

VAUGHAN, Ont. — Anyone who recalls their own schooling, will remember when they were first exposed to subjects like French, Hebrew and computer. Now Kreative Kids Preschool Inc. is introducing these subjects to preschoolers as young as 2½ year olds.

Elyssa Feldberg, co-owner of the preschool with Lee Anne Gable, said they started Kreative Kids in 1983 after noticing that many children were coming into kindergarten without the appropriate socialization skills.

Feldberg, whose background is in special education, said that since there was no kindergarten program north of Steeles, they decided to set up business in the area.

Small groups

Starting out of a public school in 1983, they were forced to move to the Patricia Kemp Concord Community Centre the following year due to growing enrolment at the school.

Kreative Kids offers a half-day nursery and junior kindergarten program for children from the ages of 2½ to 5 years running from September to June. Children can attend either two, three or five half day programs.

Feldberg said the preschool is designed to prepare children for kindergarten by teaching them how to interact and cooperate in small groups. She said activities are geared towards promoting growth in the child's cognitive, language, social, emotional and physical domains. The school also integrates children with special needs into the regular program.

As well as integrating French and Hebrew into the programing through the use of puppets, games and songs, an Apple IIC computer is used to teach children basic concepts. While the latter is often considered a novelty by parents, Feldberg explained that children don't "crowd around" the computer, but treat it just like the sandbox or toys.

The preschool's program also includes a kindergym to enrich gross motor development, creative music program, field trips and educational games.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Affiliated and unaffiliated

Various approaches at supplementary schools

Some supplementary schools emphasize Jewish culture rather than religion.

The **Morris Winchevsky School,** on Cranbrooke Ave. near Bathurst and Lawrence, continues its traditional Yiddish education. Three teachers instruct students in Yiddish, art, social studies and literature. Students, attracted by the philosophy of the school, come from all over the city.

A similar school is the **Workmen's Circle Peretz School,** with branches at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. and at 648 Finch Ave. W. The curriculum emphasizes Yiddish, Hebrew, customs and social history. Special programs for high school age students are offered on Sundays.

The Borochov School, affiliated with the Labor Zionist movement, meets at 272 Codsell Ave., near Sheppard and Wilson Hts. Its programs, serving children from toddler to teenager, emphasizes Yiddish and Hebrew learning. Students come from the area between Wilson and Thornhill.

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The gamut of Jewish religious practice is taught at the rest of Toronto's supplementary schools.

The Mildred Arnoff Memorial School, Beth Sholom Congregation's school, draws many students not affiliated with the Conservative shul because of its location on the subway line.

Adath Israel Congregational School offers Hebrew language, Bible, customs, prayer and history three days a week. An active high school program which meets twice a week is also available.

Over 200 students attend **Beth Tzedec's** congregational school, from kindergarten to high school age. The school is adjacent to the shul, one of the largest on the continent, and can take full advantage of its many resources.

Like United Congregational Schools and Beth Tikvah, Beth Sholom, Adath Israel and Beth Tzedec religious schools are affiliated with the Conservative movement.

Eitz Chaim Evening School is one of the few remaining Orthodox supplementary schools. Rabbi Tzvi Cohen, its principal, tries to give his students, most of whom are not from Orthodox homes, the opportunity "to see Judaism through Orthodox eyes." The school joins NCSY programmes whenever possible (the youth group affiliated with the Orthodox Union). The school now meets at 475 Patricia Ave., but hopes to also hold classes at Eitz Chaim's new Spring Farm campus when that opens this September.

The Hillel Children's Workshop is one of the few supplementary Jewish schools available in the downtown area. Started by mostly unaffiliated families, it stresses Hebrew language and the involvement of parents in the study of Jewish holidays and observances. Sunday morning classes are held at the Jewish Students Union-B'nai B'rith Hillel House on Spadina Ave. near Harbord St. and at nearby New College.

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Adam School teaches skills for confidence

Skill development for academic success is the focus of the Adam School, a specialised arts-based kindergarten program in the Sheppard-Yonge area.

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"All children possess to various degrees the ability to be creative," she said. "Creative arts, which appeal to their vivid imagination, can be used as an exciting means to promote cognitive skills. Problem solving, decision making and creative thinking are inherent in a creative arts program."

She adds: "All this contributes to the child's fostering a positive self-image, which is a prerequisite for learning."

The Friday morning session is based on Shabbat and upcoming Jewish holidays.

Baker relates the following fall theme class as exemplifying the Adam School's integrated approach:

The teacher begins by asking what happens to the leaves when the wind is rushing about. "The leaves would be whirling or blowing hard," the children answer. She asks them to describe the actions of the leaves when the wind is low and then when it is rushing furiously, leading to a discussion of action and reaction. The children draw or paint the leaves in one of their motions, and then compose a little story or poem that they dictate to the teacher.

For more information, phone Baker at (416) 225-7741.

Large United Congregational still growing

United Congregational Schools is the largest supplementary religious school in Toronto, according to education director Saul Morganstein.

It serves 915 students at four locations: Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation at 55 Yeomans Rd. in Downsview, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation at 100 Elder St. in Downsview, Don Mills and Steeles, and Westminster Public School at Bathurst and Steeles.

Children attend from kindergarten to grade 11, and receive the full Board of Jewish Education curriculum, from qualified, professional teachers.

Grade 7, the year in which children usually reach bar or bat mitzvah, is a special time in the school, called "mitzvah year." Jewish identity and practice are emphasized, as is the family aspect of the coming of age. "We try to emphasize 'mitzvah' rather than 'bar,' explains Morganstein.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Pedagogically difficult, sensitive

Teaching about Israel remains complex subject

By
JANICE ARNOLD

Teaching about Israel in Canadian Jewish day schools is more pedagogically difficult and politically sensitive than any other subject in the curriculum. Teachers are grappling with what to teach about the modern Jewish state and how to go about it.

At last year's National Education Conference, a workshop was devoted to this topic where two educators presented their schools' different approaches.

Hanna Eliashiv, coordinator of Hebrew studies for Montreal's United Talmud Torahs' system, described how after much debate it was decided to make Israel a separate, rather than integrated, subject within the Jewish studies curriculum.

The subject is called Moledet (Homeland) and is taught from kindergarten through grade 11. Written pedagogical materials from Israel are used which have been modified by UTT's own teachers to suit their requirements.

"We want the students to understand the centrality of modern Israel in our lives," she said. "We believe that Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people, but do not want the children to be confused about their Canadian loyalties," she said.

In kindergarten through grade 3, Moledet takes the form of one hour per week of songs, movies, audiovisual presentations and speakers, related to Israel. UTT also takes advantage of the materials on Israel, such as posters and stamps, supplied to schools by the Canadian Zionist Federation and Jewish National Fund.

"The children are shown identification with the Land of Israel, are encouraged to visit Israel and become familiar with its history, personalities, geography and so on. When parents tell us that their children during visits to sites in Israel said they felt they had already been there, we know we have achieved one of our goals."

In the higher elementary grades, textbooks are used which highlight such areas as the settlement of Israel and its governmental structures.

UTT maintains a close association with the Melton Centre in Israel, and last summer six UTT staff members took courses on teaching Israel there. One of the texts developed by the Melton Centre, One People Many Faces, which shows how to trace one's Jewish roots, is used in UTT's grade 6 classes.

Eliashiv pointed out that the beauty of the Melton materials is that they are "like clay in the artist's hands" — they can be molded to fit the needs of the individual school.

By high school, UTT students are discussing such topics as Israel-Diaspora relations and the importance of Hebrew. Grade 9 students spend the summer in Israel. "We are not ashamed of talking about aliya for fear of incurring the wrath of parents," said Eliashiv.

An important aspect of Israel studies at UTT is to prepare senior students to answer the anti-Zionist propaganda they may be faced with when they go on to university, she added.

The superintendent of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education, Baruch Rand, disagreed with the "Moledet" approach to teaching Israel. Transferring a subject from the curriculum of Israeli schools to Canada is not the answer, according to Rand.

Winnipeg Jewish day schools have developed their own Israel curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12 with the goal of instilling in students "some kind of relationship with Israel; it doesn't have to be positive."

Rand said he favors the teaching of Israel as a separate subject, but the lack of developed curriculum has hindered that. "The disadvantage of integrating Israel with other subjects, like Jewish religion and history, is that there is no accountability. You can't test students to find out how much they have learned," he said.

But teaching Israel as a subject called "Homeland" will only create conflict in the minds of students about their loyalties to Israel and Canada, said Rand. Textbooks used in Israel do not deal with the issues relevant in Canada.

One thing certain in Rand's mind is that Israel must be taught in Hebrew. "Hebrew is so organic to the teaching of Israel that it would be crude to use English, and teaching Israel in Hebrew means it will not interfere with general studies."

At the elementary level, Winnipeg schools avoid textbooks in favor of units of study. Such means as oral stories, songs and organizing an imaginary trip to Israel are used. In the upper Grades, the students create their own kibbutz in the classroom, as well as gain a feeling for Israel through cultural activities.

"Learning about Israel must be experiential; it cannot be text-oriented," Rand insisted. By high school, students have the tools to discuss such topics as religion in Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict. High school students also spend eight weeks in Israel during the summer.

Rachel Meir, the representative to the Canadian Zionist Federation for the World Zionist Organization education and culture department, suggested that Canadian Jewish educators have to decide whether they want to present the Eretz Israel of their dreams, or Medinat Israel, the hard reality of today.

"We have to make sure the children here and in Israel have something in common. Otherwise, Israel and the Diaspora will drift further apart."

Participating parents at "pulse of community"

By
DAVID LAZARUS

To what degree can — and should — parents participate in their children's schools? Are the schools themselves using, or abusing, this resource?

That was the contentious question as 10 teachers and parents from across Canada took in an informal round table talk at the National Education Conference.

The first thing to do, suggested discussion leader Evelyn Katz, senior vice-president of Winnipeg's Jewish Community Council, was to define the parameters:

The first category of parental involvement, she said, was at the "political," or leadership level, as on the school board. Volunteer work was the second potential level of activity (PTA work or helping out in the lunchroom). The third possibility was as a teacher's aide in the classroom (under the supervision of the instructor).

Rita Gross, a Montreal parent, recalled how she was told "how hard" it was to get involved.

"But I went to a board meeting, they took my name one, two, three, and it's been uphill ever since."

Gross' advice was that to get parents more involved, don't scare them off, "Bring them in and make them feel welcome."

One of the points agreed upon during the discussion was that the present generation's parents were more reluctant than previous ones to come forward and participate.

Mindel Naiberg, a teacher at Toronto's Bialik Hebrew Day School, theorized that one of the reasons was the tremendous increase of both parents enjoying full-time careers. "They just don't have the time to become involved."

But at the other extreme, Gross interjected, were the parents who agreed to volunteer feeling there would be a "black mark" against them if they don't. The result, she said, was "half-hearted" participation.

Montreal Hebrew Foundation School parent Carole Goldberg echoed these sentiments.

"As soon as some parents feel obligated they get intimidated."

On the other hand, all concurred, each could name many examples of diligent parents who had a real sense of the importance of their involvement.

Toronto parent and teacher Tybie Trossman called for an active volunteer recruitment program in which parents are, in a sense, "disciplined" in proper volunteer orientation.

Another common attitude encountered by teachers, said Montreal United Talmud Torah's Marilyn Nayer, was "charge us what you have to but don't bother us." The result, said Nayer, "is that I find myself always calling on the same people."

Montreal Bialik High School's Edna Jance countered that, compared to her native Israel, the situation here was much better.

"At least here we are encouraged," she said. "In Israel, at least at the school level, there is almost no cultural volunteerism."

Predictably, more mothers than fathers were active in school affairs, participants agreed. Jance cited the case of one dad who, when asked, couldn't even recall the name of the school his child attended.

Parents and teachers, said Katz, must also reach a "mutually arrived at code of conduct" in their role as lay leaders.

Other factors determining the scope, willingness, and intensity of parental involvement, the table agreed, were the school's and community's size, the impact of a teachers' federation, as well as the mutual desire to respect one another's position along the school's "chain of command."

"Frankly," said Jance, "I'm a little shocked more parents do not involve themselves. Those who do, really have their fingers on the pulse of their children's lives and the community."

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Job security creating "we-they" atmosphere

By
JANICE ARNOLD

The unionization of Jewish day school teachers has probably had an adverse effect on the quality of education in these schools, but without their collective bargaining power, the teachers would likely be inadequately paid and their employment insecure, a prominent Toronto labor lawyer suggested at a National Education Conference, held under the auspices of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Stewart Saxe, who has acted in contract negotiations in the Toronto Jewish day school system, said "Jewish education quickly gets lost in any collective bargaining."

For the teachers, the objective of collective bargaining is "more pay, more benefits, more job security, more time off," he said, which often are not compatible with the delivery of the best possible education.

Day school teachers began unionizing in earnest in the 1970s when there was a shortage of such teachers, Saxe said. Today, the situation has reversed; there are too many teachers and school administrations are under less pressure to raise salaries or offer job security. On the other hand, teachers have abandoned any reservations about the propriety of their taking strike action in the face of this economic reversal.

The entrenching of job security in contracts has meant that teachers who are not competent cannot be easily removed. It also means that when job opportunities open, boards may have to choose from existing staff and not the best possible candidate who may be from the outside.

Higher teacher salaries mean administrations have to compromise on the goal of providing a Jewish education to every child in the community because tuitions have become beyond the means of many people, he said.

The collective bargaining process has given rise to an unhealthy "we-they atmosphere" between teachers and administrations, with the goal of "winning" being uppermost in each side's mind. "Board and teachers come to the table with their 'lists' of demands. . . . Any rational discussion gets lost in each party's wish to win."

Teachers are obsessed with being regarded as professionals and accorded the respect and privileges they feel they are due, according to Saxe. "Their demands become mantles of their status." The board's representatives are often also professionals — "lawyers, doctors, engineers who believe they know it all." The result is frustration on both sides.

Despite this negative portrayal, Saxe said he is not suggesting the abolition of collective bargaining. "The teachers won't give up the protection they have gained. Without collective bargaining, schools would likely give in to parent and community pressure and let salaries fall and would more readily fire teachers."

Although it is not the answer, it will help in the future if both teachers and administrations recognize the imperfections of the collective bargaining process and try to understand the goals and concerns of the other side, Saxe said.

What will not work, according to Saxe, is "multi-school" bargaining, which will leave everyone feeling even further removed from the eventual deal; or the "round table" approach, because the "differences are real in the competition for limited economic resources."

The threat of a strike or lockout also forces each side to decide exactly how much it can afford to give or give up, said Saxe.

New bones of contention likely to appear in future collective bargaining are the "inevitable" increase in class size and the tenure of aging teachers.

Teachers' job security guarantees, coupled with the elimination of a compulsory retirement age under federal and provincial charters of rights, will create a problem for school boards, according to Saxe.

Students at last year's United Synagogue Congregational School's Purim carnival raised $1,000 for Shai L'Chayal-Israeli Soldiers Gift Parcel Project. Shown here (from left, back row) are school education director Saul Morganstein, Sam Kapustin, teacher, Carol Baratz, youth project chairman, and Ian Roth; (middle) Anthony Duke, Stuart Ralaban, Staci Rochwerg, Robyn Temins, (front) Debra Rochwerg.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Katonim affiliate near Keswick

Green Diamond daycamp teaches playing ball

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Two daycamps in the Toronto area offer programs for a fun-filled summer close to home, Green Diamond Baseball Camp and Camp Katonim.

Green Diamond Baseball camp in the Bruce's Mills Conservation Park is a must for youngsters age 7-13 who want to improve their baseball game, learn how to play or just want to have fun throwing around a few balls.

Wesley Pollack who co-directs the new co-ed camp with Michael Belz says Green Diamond is structured like an American baseball camp and offers the latest in baseball equipment such as radar guns that measure pitching speed, pitching machines and batting tees.

Campers are given baseball caps and shirts and are placed in one of several programs depending on their baseball skills and age.

Pollack says because they are teaching a specific skill the counselor-camper ratio of 1:6 is lower than in conventional camps. "All staff are experienced counselors and they all will attend coaching clinics before the season begins. We also have a number of baseball specialists on staff and are planning on some celebrity guests," says Pollack.

As well as baseball, Green Diamond offers a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, swimming, football and soccer.

Campers can attend Green Diamond for one, two, four, six and nine weeks. They bring their own lunch and are picked up by bus at points throughout Toronto. For more information call Pollack or Belz at 733-3350.

Because it is situated on a lake, Camp Katonim in Keswick, Ont. is pleased to offer its campers water skiing, sailing and canoeing, among a host of other activities.

Katonim is for boys and girls age 6-15 who live in summer cottages in the Balfour Beach area or for those who wish to be bused from a central point in Thornhill.

Camp spokesperson, Naomi Larry says that because it is a direct bus from Thornhill to camp, campers get there in 45 minutes. "That isn't any longer than a bus ride in the metro area that stops at several points," she says.

Katonim, which runs six days a week, offers something for every camper including arts and crafts, music and drama, land sports and tennis.

As well, because the majority of the campers are Jewish, the camp runs an Oneg Shabbat every Friday evening.

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Camp Sholom in Muskoka is for boys and girls age 7-13 and it offers such activities as Israeli dancing and singing, Sabbath programming, canoeing, sailing, landsports and drama.

Although some programs are run in Hebrew, campers need no prior knowledge of the language.

Camp director, Sid Dworkin says some programs revolve around tracing the history of Jews and connecting it to present day Israel. "We try to have a theme for each summer and relate our activities to that theme. For example, the theme last year was freedom," says Dworkin.

Larry Himel

Camp Solelim, near Sudbury, is for those boys and girls age 14 and 15 who wish to continue their experience in a Zionist camp. At Solelim, campers begin to learn the meaning of responsibility as an individual and a Jew.

Camp Biluim Canada is the leadership institute of the Young Judea Camps and it is here that campers begin their education as a counselor. Together with a host of camping activities, campers are involved in a number of programs emphasizing Judaism and Zionism.

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Camp gets new director

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Camp Reena is under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Born in Toronto, Himel received his BA and MSW from the University of Toronto.

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Interculture Canada is part of the larger American Field Service network, which exchanges close to 10,000 high school students each year. "We are dedicated to extending peace and brotherhood through the grass-roots techniques of letting youngsters participate in other cultures firsthand," says local director Bob Shannon. The AFS started out as a volunteer ambulance corps in World War I.

A counselor is assigned to each teenager, who also receives an orientation course, a monthly allowance, and medical insurance. These and round-trip air fare are covered by a participation fee.

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Inspired by Israeli kibbutz

Zionist camps instil love of Hebrew, Judaism

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

More than 2,000 youngsters across Canada attend Zionist camps inspired by the Israeli kibbutz and run under the umbrella of the Canadian Zionist Organization.

Camp Gesher, on Pringle Lake, 100 km north of Belleville, is sponsored by the United Kibbutz Movement in Israel.

In true kibbutz style, Gesher offers campers aged 9-15 the experience of cooperative living while encouraging individual talents and development.

As well as a full program of athletic activities including basketball, baseball, and volleyball, campers enjoy daily use of the lake with water skiing, canoeing and swimming.

Campers are instilled with a love of Hebrew through informal Hebrew sessions, songs, skits and conversation. Hebrew is employed in the camp's routine.

An informal Judaic program focusing on Jewish history, social justice, Zionism and Israel fosters a better understanding of the Zionist heritage. The Friday night Oneg Shabbat combines traditional aspects of Shabbat celebration with creative drama and Israeli song and dance.

All food is kosher and campers can register for a full season of 6½ week or a half season of three or 3½ weeks. For information contact Shimon Zelas at 633-2511.

For almost 30 years, Camp Moshava run by Bnei Akiva Youth Movement has been providing campers aged 9-16 with a blend of learning, hiking, sports, singing and dancing in an atmosphere of Jewish living and the pioneering spirit of Israel.

At Moshava, situated on Lake Buckhorn, near Ennismore, Ontario, campers participate in a variety of activities that help instil in them the dynamics of cooperation and growth.

Because it is an Orthodox camp, daily living at camp is based on the Torah and a lifetime commitment to work for the Jewish people and the Jewish homeland.

For more information call 630-7578.

Camp Shomria in Perth, Ont. run by Hashomer Hatzair, gives campers age 8-15 the chance to learn about life in Israel and the kibbutz in particular. From informal discussion groups to organized cultural programs, campers are exposed to contemporary Jewish and Israeli cultural issues.

At the same time, campers enjoy a wide range of programs such as swimming, sports, Israeli folk dancing, hiking, camping trips, music and arts and cafts.

Camp Shomria offers the opportunity for the camper to develop meaningful relationships with their peers and a better understanding of sharing and cooperation as they are experienced on an Israeli kibbutz.

For information on Camp Shomria call 736-1339.

Ski camp teaches tangible skills both in the water and on land

Camp Can-Ski, in Cardiff, Ont., aims to provide campers aged 6-16 with a safe and enjoyable summer experience while teaching them valuable tangible and intangible skills.

The Ski in the camp's name refers to water skiing, which, with basic computer operation, is a camp specialty. These activities and others such as swimming, canoeing, soccer, volleybal, crafts, and out-tripping comprise what camp director Louis Gyori calls tangible skills. "These are the parts of the camp experience that are most visible and it is for these activities that most people are interested in camp," he said.

The intangible skills, he says, are "self-confidence, responsibility, independence, honesty, empathy, getting along with and appreciating others, and improved leadership ability."

Camp staff employ the tangibles to develop the intangibles, in personalized programs.

Explains Gyori; "having acquired new skiing, computer, canoeing, or swimming skills; the camper will have improved a sense of self esteem, pride, and confidence. The camper will have realized that to succeed in any activity, he or she must concentrate and work hard. Team activities such as soccer or volleyball help the camper to improve in such areas as cooperation with others, a sense of fair play, responsibility, and leadership ability. Similarly, living in a small cabin group, certain activities which are done together in that group help campers to develop a greater toleration for others, ability to empathize and get along with others and a sense of honesty."

Gyori, a former water skiing instructor himself, opened the camp in 1980, with an enrolment of 10. Last year there were over 50 campers.

Cardiff is located south of Bancroft in the Haliburton highlands. For more information, phone (613) 339-2969.

Centre assesses child development

The Canadian Parent and Child Centre, 60 St. Clair Ave. W., employs the latest clinical techniques to assess child development and parent-child relationships, and as a basis for precise family counseling.

"We give parents the opportunity to have their child's social, mental, and physical development assessed," says director Marie Algieri, an educator formerly employed by the Hospital for Sick Children's psychiatric research department. Algieri uses some of the latter's techniques in her own private practice, particularly in developmental assessment.

"The parent-child relationship is assessed by having parents participate in daily activities like playing together, teaching, and feeding the child. These sessions are video-taped for evaluation by parents and counselor," she said.

Knowing the child's developmental level facilitates choice of toys and activities for him. As well, "It's fun to see what we really look like when we're doing something," said Algieri. "It all makes for a more constructive and happier time for child and parents."

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Business Outlook

Says new ads useful in demystifying legal profession

Kwinter: Don't choose lawyer by sales pitch alone

TORONTO —

Ontario lawyers can now court clients through TV, radio and print ads, but consumers are being cautioned not to choose legal services based solely on an appealing sales pitch.

It is important to seek references or referrals, check prices and attend a brief introductory meeting before hiring a lawyer, say consumer experts.

"The choice of a lawyer has traditionally been confusing for many consumers," says Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial relations. "The new rules allowing multi-media ads should go a long way to demystify the legal profession, but the information they provide should be used to augment, rather than replace, your own inquiries."

Until recently, the Law Society of Upper Canada, which governs lawyers' activities in Ontario, banned advertising with the exception of names and phone numbers in the yellow pages. New regulations allow law firms and individual solicitors to advertise their services in all media. The ads must, however, be "truthful and in good taste," says John Beaufoy, a spokesman for the Law Society."

Prices for various services may be publicized, but lawyers cannot use discounts and sales as marketing tools.

"You won't be seeing things like 'special this week — divorces $99'," says Beaufoy, who agrees that referrals and personal contact are important to choosing the right law firm. "We recommend a number of ways to find a good lawyer."

The society operates its own referral service, drawing from a list of about 7,000 lawyers, who are in good standing with the regulatory organization. As a condition of being listed on the society's referral roster, solicitors must guarantee the fee for an initial half-hour consultation will not exceed $20, Beaufoy says.

The list is broken down into numerous different categories reflecting areas of specialization and office locations.

Although Ontario lawyers are free to work in all fields, from criminal law to real estate transactions, most specialize to some degree. Try to find a representative who regularly handles the type of service you desire.

If you've been happy with the past services of a lawyer who does not do the type of work you now require, ask him to suggest a reliable colleague. Friends or relatives may also be able to recommend a good solicitor.

Once a likely candidate is found, arrange an introductory meeting. Be sure to find out in advance how much this initial consultation will cost and, during the meeting, make it a priority to discuss future fees.

Some lawyers set flat rates for certain services, allowing relatively accurate estimates to be given. However, in some situations, it is impossible to pinpoint the amount of work that will be involved in a case. You may then have to be content with a rough price range or an hourly rate.

"Anytime you're going to get involved with a lawyer, you've got to ask 'How much will this cost me?' " says Beaufoy.

According to the society spokesman, many people who are normally cost-conscious consumers, stumble blindly into legal cases without even asking about fees.

Many consumers also make the mistake of calling their lawyers unnecessarily and without thought for the costs incurred.

During the first meetings with the lawyer, find out how often to expect progress reports. If you must have more frequent updates, make your wishes clear from the start and be prepared to pay extra.

It's also a good idea to arrive for the first consultations armed with a written record of facts the lawyer should know, including a chronology of events and copies of any important documents such as bills or contracts.

"The product your lawyer is selling is his time and expertise," says Beaufoy. "The client who does some preparation may help keep costs down . . ."

To obtain a free referral from the Law Society, call (416) 947-3330 or (toll free) 1-800-268-8326.

The Society also operates an information system called Dial-A-Law, providing free advice on 125 different topics through pre-recorded tapes. Suggestions on how to choose a lawyer are available. Call (416) 947-3333 or (toll free) 1-800-387-2992. Most residents with an 807 area code may reach the service by asking the operator for Zenith 99210.

Complaints about Ontario lawyers may be directed to the Law Society at (416) 947-3310.

Oliver heads realtors

TORONTO —

John Oliver has been acclaimed the 61st president of the Toronto Real Estate Board. He assumed leadership of the 17,500-member board, succeeding 1986 president, Nat Green.

Oliver, who headed the board nine years ago, is president of Homelife/John Oliver Real Estate Ltd. Realtor in Pickering, the city he moved to three years ago after being a neighborhood broker on Danforth for more than 25 years.

In his Danforth neighborhood he was affectionately known as "Mr. John" because of his counseling work with immigrants and senior citizens. He believes in strong neighborhood identification for real estate salespeople and brokers.

Since his term as president in 1977, Oliver has acted as board director and vice-president. In 1980, he was regional vice-president of the Ontario Real Estate Association. He is also a life-member of the Canadian Association of Real Estate Counselors.

John Oliver

Oliver is widely known for his skill in resolving disagreements among real estate brokers and salespeople.

He says his goal is to help his fellow real estate practitioners make the best possible case to the public for private property ownership. He believes the right to private property is an anchor of the community and must be guarded.

Meanwhile former president Nat Green said the surge of consumer confidence that characterized 1985 spilled over into 1986, resulting in the best sales year ever.

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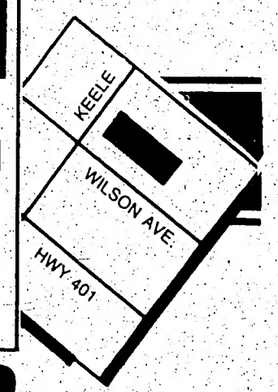

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Construction to begin in February

Apartment hotel complex planned for Ariel

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This is the introduction of a brochure describing Eshel Hashomron, a tourist complex in the initial stage of development in the heart of Samaria. The complex, which will contain a hotel comprising 200 rooms, swimming pools, two restaurants, a shopping mall, a synagogue, and a fitness centre is being built by the Israel Holiday Club Ltd., a firm financed by the Yariv Company and Modi'in Ezrachi Ltd.

The idea of a hotel and tourist complex emanated from the fact that the area around Ariel has natural appeal to vacationers. In the vicinity there are many religious sites including the burial places of Joseph and Joshua, the altar of Joshua, Mt. Grizzim and Mt. Eval.

The location is attractive as it is near densely populated areas yet it has clean air, cool winds and is free from the humidity of the coastal plain.

The town of Ariel was founded in 1978 to provide services to the settlements in the area. It is centrally located: 50 minutes to Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, 40 minutes to Netanya, 60 minutes to the Dead Sea, 75 minutes to Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee.

Today there are more than 1,500 families in Ariel from over 40 countries. The town has schools, medical and social services and commercial centres.

Eshel Hashomron will include a hotel with 200 rooms, a restaurant and wine cellar, a large outdoor swimming pool with a central bar as well as water slide, an indoor swimming pool, a fitness centre including a sauna and jacuzzi, a games room, tennis courts, a playground for children, a large multi-purpose auditorium, an open air amphitheatre, a commercial centre and a synagogue.

The hotel will be classed as a 3-star hotel yet it will have most of the amenities of a 5-star. The 3-star rating will keep the rental rates at a reasonable level.

The commercial centre will include a variety of stores which will specifically service the guests of Eshel Hashomron. The stores will be an integral part of the complex and will be accessible from the lobby of the hotel.

Construction will begin in February. The projected completion date for the commercial complex is Oct. 1, 1988 while the vacation apartments are expected to be ready for occupancy by April 1, 1989.

The hotel will be operated on the following basis: Of the 200 rooms, 140 will be available for sale. Purchasers of units have two options. They can purchase their unit in which case it is theirs to use exclusively.

A second alternative, the leaseback option, is available. With this option, purchasers lease back their apartments to Eshel Hashomron for a period of 10 years. During each calendar year, purchasers are entitled to use their apartments for a period of 30 days at no cost. During the remaining 335 days, the apartment is available for rental as a hotel room under the administration of the complex.

The income from all leaseback apartments will be pooled and after deducting management expenses (half of the gross rental income) each apartment owner will receive a proportionate share of the rental income.

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The 1- and 2-room apartments can be completely purchased with State of Israel Bonds. Prices (in U.S. dollars) including taxes and lawyers' fees range from $22,680 (freehold) and $26,360 (leaseback) for a 1-room apartment to $44,340 (freehold) and $51,344 (leaseback) for a 2-room apartment, the builder says. The difference in price between freehold and leaseback includes the cost of furnishings.

The prices quoted are said to be in effect until Feb. 1, and monthly maintenance fees (where applicable) are extra.

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For further information, contact Eshel Hashomron, P.O.B. 935, Ariel 44805, Israel.

Bank Hapoalim helps to build

TEL AVIV —

Israel's building sector is anticipating a long-awaited resurgence of development activity with the implementation by Bank Hapoalim of an innovative method of financing construction projects.

A system of project financing, similar to that used in real estate development in the United States and Britain is being introduced to provide financing designed solely for the completion of a specific project, rather than the more traditional types of company credit provided to the builder.

Bank Hapoalim is expected to further expand its position in this lucrative business sector through this method, unique in Israel, while providing a stimulus for the renewal of residential and commercial development here.

Bank Hapoalim will now make building credits available to four basic types of development models: to a contractor who is carrying out the actual construction work for a project's investor-developer; directly to the developer of commercial real estate for rental offices and stores; to the investor-developer of residential condominiums for apartment sales on the open market, and to builders in projects partially funded and planned by the government, mainly for subsidized housing.

One of the first major real estate projects developments to be developed through Bank Hapoalim's new program is the $20 million Basel Towers being built in Tel Aviv by A.Z. Baranowitz Ltd., which will include two luxury 17 storey towers with 78 apartments and 14 penthouses plus a swimming pool, park and a 1,000 square metre medical centre.

This project financing system eliminates the dangers of under-financed or poorly managed building companies misusing credits and being unable to complete a project, it was noted. The bank is an active managerial participant in the application of the credit, insuring reliability and the most efficient use of development funds.

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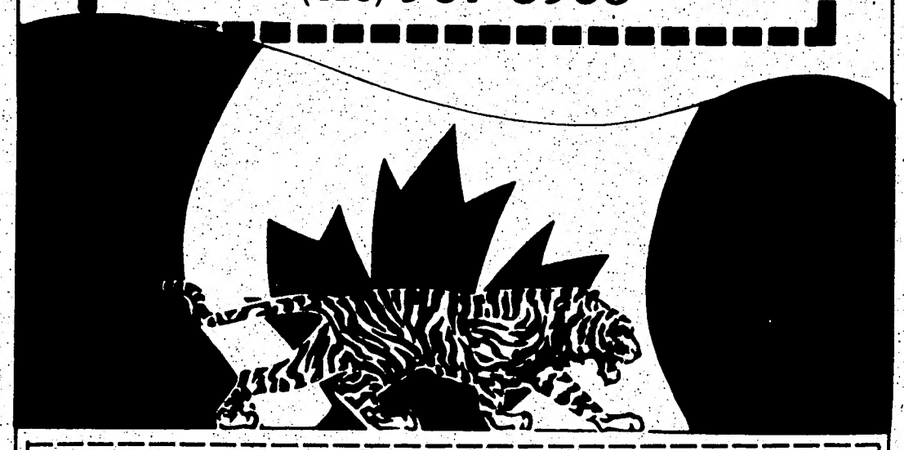

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Business Outlook

Various investment plans open to Canadians

By
KENNETH GARFINKEL

TORONTO —

Canadian investors are now able to benefit from a wider choice of investment opportunities around the world through time-proven programs of professionally-managed and well-diversified mutual funds. Since Canada accounts for less than 4% of the world equity markets and is still very much dependent on the natural resource component, we are coming to realize that our playing field need not be limited to our own backyard.

Indeed, our relatively weak Canadian currency combined with the fact that most Canadians' assets and incomes are, almost by definition, derived in Canadian dollars, make it both prudent and necessary to find ways of protecting our purchasing power on a world level.

This past year has seen the introduction of several new investment programs which, while priced in Canadian dollars, are designed to take advantage of global opportunities in stocks, income securities, and currencies. Here's a selected list of both time-proven and newer mutual funds:

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The emphasis is on asset allocation between countries, stocks, bonds, short-term deposits and currencies based on identifying major underlying trends.

This past year saw Rothschilds shift assets into European and Japanese currencies, and Japanese, U.S. and European stocks and bonds.

As of July 31, Global strategy was invested by region: 32% in Japan, 34% in U.S., 27% in Europe, and 3% in Canada, with $152 million of total assets including $24 million in short-term paper.

Industrial Global Fund: Introduced by MacKenzie Financial as part of the Industrial Group of Funds, it is co-managed by MacKenzie for the North American component and Henderson of London for the international markets.

Like Templeton, there is a relatively high proportion of the fund invested in Canadian stocks and short-term deposits, thus making it a partial play on world markets.

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Investors should concentrate on several key criteria when selecting a global fund: the investment managers' long-term track record, the degree of Canadian assets and currencies as a proportion of the total, and the sensitivity to shifting assets between countries and between equity and income securities.

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March 1 RRSP deadline looms

By
LEN BUTCHER

TORONTO —

To thousands of Canadians, March 1 signals much more than the beginning of the end of a long winter. It is the deadline for purchasing Registered Retirement Savings Plans, or as they are more commonly called, RRSPs.

The problem of course, particularly for first-time buyers, is not only where to buy, but what to buy.

There are literally hundreds of RRSPs available and everyone from banks and trust companies to brokerage houses and credit unions are pulling out all stops to make their pitch to the public.

Adding to the confusion are offers of plans through some employers, accountants and lawyers. Faced with this situation, it is easy to see how many taxpayers, smitten with RRSP fever in late February, often find that in their haste, have chosen plans that are unsuited not only to their age, but to their financial needs as well.

When carefully chosen, however, RRSPs can offer one of the best ways of deferring taxes and saving for retirement.

So how do you make the right choice?

One way is to learn as much about RRSPs as possible and one easy and inexpensive way is to pick up a copy of RRSPs 1987 — The Authoritative Guide To The Best Retirement Savings Strategies.

This Financial Times of Canada paperback, published by Methuen is worth every penny of its $9.95 cover price.

Written by Steven Kelman, an investment counselor and a contributing editor of the Financial Times, it is designed to help people determine which type of plan is best for them.

It shows how to evaluate different plans within a group and how to consider an RRSP as part of a total savings package to maximize after-tax rates of returns without increasing risk.

The 1987 edition has been revised significantly over the 1986 edition to reflect the proposed tax treatment of retirement savings presented to the House of Commons last October and its impact on RRSP holders.

Kelman covers everything from risk and return to real estate funds, all written in a concise manner and simple to understand.

It has been 30 years since the federal government first introduced RRSPs and a lot has changed.

They are a lucrative method of deferring tax payment and saving for old age. But you have to know what you're doing. RRSPs 1987 can supply you with the necessary knowledge.

Emerald Cutters head elected

RAMAT-GAN, Israel — Hanoch Stark of Hargem Ltd., has been elected president of the Israel Emerald Cutters Association. He succeeds Efraim Tick of Gem Tick Ltd.

Head of the research and development committee of the Cutters Association for many years, Stark is a foremost innovator of precious stones processing methods, responsible for a number of international patents in the production of gemstones.

He is a director of the International Colored Gemstone Association. Stark founded Hargem Ltd., one of Israel's major emerald producers and exporters, with Ben-Zion Harel in 1969.

The executive committee of the Emerald Cutters Association will also include Israel Eliezri of Col-

Full production resumes

gem Ltd. and Yonah Ben-Yonah, head of the company of that name.

Public relations chairman of the International Colored Gemstone Association of which he is a founding member, Eliezri is a geologist who has inspected many of the world's major gemstone mining sites.

Veteran Israeli gemstone manufacturer, Ben-Yonah was foreman of the first emerald polishing plant established by the Israeli government in the early 50s. He is said to have trained a generation of gem cutting specialists here.

The announcement of the new leadership of the Association comes in the wake of the renewal of full production in the branch with the acquisition of large stocks of quality emeralds of all sizes from Zambian sources, and influx of overseas buyers of polished goods to the Israeli market.

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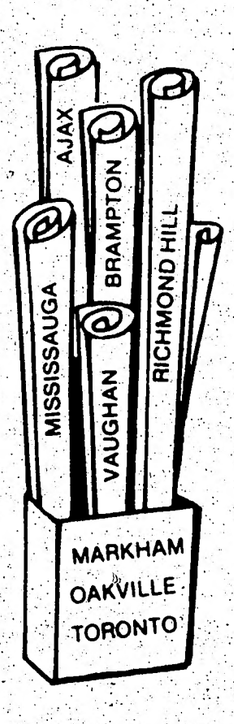

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Garters add risky business under banker suit

Canadians adopting European attitude to lingerie

By
TRACY NESDOLY

(STYLE)

You can't escape it — every fashion magazine shows pages of it. It's being used to sell such unlikely things as watches and accessories.

And the likes of Joan Collins and Linda Evans romp around in it weekly on TV. It's lingerie and it's decidedly more visible these days.

According to some manufacturers, these changes haven't dramatically changed the amount of business the industry does, but it has altered what manufacturers offer, and the way business is done.

"This season we've added a lot of new products. Though there's been no significant change in customer base, we've worked at giving them a shot in the arm to drum up excitement," says Ron Farha of Linda Lingerie, Montreal.

Bedrooms becoming boudoirs

Some of the new products include a perfume to be merchandised with Linda Lingerie's Natori line, one of the fastest growing intimate apparel lines in North America.

This will be followed by a gambit into the home furnishings market, designed to make a bedroom into a feminine boudoir plus bath towels and coordinating robes.

"Canadian women are becoming more European in their outlook," says Farha.

"Lingerie is becoming more of a lifestyle. They're thinking more consciously about buying something nice, not just something utilitarian."

He adds that fashion today lends itself to daywear since garments are often unstructured and unlined, necessitating slips, teddies and the like.

Norman Hanna, president of Hanna, Montreal, agrees manufacturers are working hard these days. He says manufacturers now have to offer a far more extensive line because retailers are demanding exclusive merchandise. Once a style is sold to one chain, often another is no longer interested in it.

But he says that exclusive merchandise isn't enough, and retailers still have to take care to merchandise lingerie.

"Lingerie is still a luxury item prone to impulse sales," says Hanna.

"There was a time when you could generate sales with mark-downs, but I think the customer is more sophisticated now. You've got to create an ambiance. You can't generate sales if the department shows nothing but rows upon rows of hangers, or if the department isn't well-kept."

One of the best examples of ambiance-creation is La Vie en Rose. With its warm lighting and ultra-luxurious design, La Vie has proven to be phenomenally successful according to Edith Murphy, merchandise manager.

She says La Vie en Rose has gone from one Toronto location in July 1985 to a chain of nine stores with more coming on stream. As well, La Vie has just come out with a luscious catalogue.

"We sell fashion. We create an atmosphere," says Murphy. "Apparently we're doing something right. . . ."

La Vie en Rose pays attention to detail, such as fitting rooms equipped with terry robes so that a customer doesn't have to get dressed to look around for more clothes. And the boutiques are kept very neat, with a focus on service.

Suzanne Aboud, management consultant with Gherzi Simpson, Montreal, suggests that the way of the future for lingerie is to market it in the same way as sportswear.

"Intimate apparel is now designed as a group, just as is sportswear, and at retail it tends not to be shown as it was conceived," says Aboud.

"Often it is split up into commodities, so that all the camisoles are put together, all the robes and so on. It therefore loses the total effect."

One trend she sees shaping up in the U.S., and emerging in Canada, is the store-in-store concept where manufacturers lease or franchise space in a larger department store.

They then have control over how the merchandise is shown with the added advantage of having immediate feedback from customers on how popular the line is, and which products do better than others.

Regardless of how it is merchandised, women are interested in feminine styling these days according to Murphy of La Vie en Rose.

"The unisex look is all behind us now," she says. "Today lingerie is a study in femininity. Fabrics are luxurious satins, lace, and there's an uptrend in chiffon."

Lingerie by La Vie En Rose.

Brides favor lacy sleepwear

There's been a renewed interest in things thought to be long gone. Crinolines, those frothy underslips of the '50s are back — Montelle, Montreal, is among the companies to show a few styles made of frothy piles of tulle. And garters, the bane of existence for several years, have come back to add some risky business under the banker suit.

Some daywear manufacturers, such as Papillon Blanc, Montreal, have developed thigh-high stockings that stay up all by themselves to give the stocking look without the garter.

Stockings are often shown with a bodysuit of the same fabric — Papillon's is made of point d'esprit.

According to Sylvia Hobbs of Papillon Blanc, colors for spring are virginal white or a new emphasis on cooler tones such as seafoam or slate blues rather than the pinks and peaches of past seasons.

Overall, lingerie for spring is feminine without being fussy except in the bridal area, one of the categories to gain strength over recent seasons.

According to Farha of Linda Lingerie, brides are important customers of better sleepwear, and this is an area where excess spells success — the more lace and froth the better.

To add to the specialness, Linda sells its bridal sets with padded satin hangers. It seems that even in this area, there's got to be attention to marketing. Nothing sells by itself anymore.

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Fashion

Change in fashion direction

Shoulders bare all as we enter ultrafeminine period

NEW YORK —

Shoulders are back. Not the broad, heavily padded shoulders that could make even a slender woman look like a football linebacker, but naked shoulders framed in taffeta, crepe or jersey.

It's part of the change in fashion direction to a gentle, more feminine look, based more on curves than straight lines.

It is a natural accompaniment to the full skirts, petticoats and small belted waistlines that are flashing on the fashion scene.

Shoulders are bared in two significant ways for day as well as evening.

Strapless tops, which have been around for some time, are joined by the newer off-the-shoulder necklines for spring.

Both are found in everything from play clothes to ball gowns.

"Whenever clothes go into an ultrafeminine period, details from peasant dress come into focus," observes Willi Smith, whose bare-shoulder tops are paired with stretch pants and Bermuda shorts as well as full skirts. "The trick is to make them look modern, not costumey."

Showing off-the-shoulder styles that cling to the body rather than billow around it is the technique many designers have used to achieve the contemporary look.

Calvin Klein's striped tops with cuffed necklines that cling to the shoulder tips looks sleek even when they are accompanied by bouffant skirts.

With black crepe pants, they are even more contemporary.

Ralph Lauren's shoulder-baring necklines have a glamorous, sophisticated air, abetted by the large cartwheel hats and high-heel shoes with which they are worn.

They add freshness to full skirts, shown without petticoats, in what the designer perceives as a timeless way of dressing, not anchored to the current furor for bouffant styles.

"I hope women will be able to wear these clothes next year and the year after that without them looking dated," the designer said. "I don't believe in trendiness."

On the casual side, bare shoulders have given a new impetus to sweater dressing for warmer weather.

A short knitted cashmere dressing is attracting raves at Gloria Sachs for its slithery fit, strapless neckline and bright red color.

Sachs also shows sweaters with closely cuffed off-the-shoulder necklines and narrow skirts, but then she is an advocate of cashmere the year round.

Jersey as well as knitted cotton and linen are other prominent warm-weather fabrics for bare tops in sportswear collections, where off-the-shoulder and strapless necklines have joined camisoles and halters as a standard part of warm-weather collections.

They accompany narrow as well as full skirts, long pants as well as cropped-above-the-ankle styles and shorts.

They are also accompanied by blazers or other jackets or cardigans so they can be worn to work.

Even when they are part of traditional evening dresses, the bare necklines look newest without elaborate jewelry.

That too is part of their contemporary look.

They have helped spur the importance of the short evening dress with puffy skirts and knee-baring hemlines.

This leggy style, worn with high-heel pumps or sandals, is already turning up at black-tie events and is expected to be seen more frequently during holiday parties.

By the time spring arrives, the short shoulder-baring dress will encourage more women to dress up at night.

It contributes to the sexy look that is giving new zing to the fashion scene and encouraging a flirtatious air.

Along with bustles and petticoats, bare shoulders have an eternal feminine appeal and that is the dominant mood in fashion today.

It represents a change in attitude from the serious way women have been dressing as they have moved up the corporate ladder and into the professions.

It offers a chance to be a little giddy or at least to dress for fun.

Designers of everything from play clothes to evening fashions agree that women, more secure in their acceptance in the working world, are ready to have a fling with fashion.

Bare shoulders are one of the ways designers are suggesting to give clothes a more lighthearted feeling.

Seductive, flirty and feminine are the operative words. It is, indeed, a major change of pace.

Bared shoulders will be popular for spring.

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Fashion

An oversized shirt in cool wool and easy-fitting gabardine pants by Franco Mirabelli.

Cool wool is suited for Canadian climes

MONTREAL — Transeasonal Cool Wool is everything it says it is and manufacturers, mills, importers and retailers are beginning to sell an enormous amount of it, according to The Wool Bureau of Canada's women's wear product manager, Heather Stuart.

"The goal about five years ago was to get wool into the spring season," says Stuart. "Now it's 'in season' about 10 months of the year. Two selling points for its upscale retail prices are its long wearing season and its practicality for travel."

Spring is marked by softness and drape. Superlight fabrics range from ottoman and supple venetians to the sheerest gossamer gauzes woven from fine crepe or high twist yarns.

Weave structures include airy lenos, tonal jacquards, piques, opaque/sheer stripes and sensuous jerseys in the season's four major color stripes — powder, provence, windsurf and dynamic chic.

Powder is delicately pale neutrals, whites and softly tinted pales and provence offers warm terracottas, brick, brown, ochre, corn and khaki.

Bright royal, turquoise, seagreen and red make up windsurf, and new concepts are applied to the traditional colors of navy, black and white often combined with brown in dynamic chic.

Stan Sager, president, Montreal-based Satexil which has had Cool Wool in production for four years at its Artex and Texgran mills, says interest in the fabric continues to grow. "It has given wool a different conceptual feeling — lightweight and crip," he says.

"And there's little resistance to price — which, compared to other fine fabrics, is competitive — because manufacturers appreciate its quality."

Owner of Montreal-based textile sales agency, Nick Bristow, does big business with his Italian Cool Wools in three weaves — crepe, challis and twill — and offers it with or without a super wash finish.

A true enthusiast and one of the largest users of Cool Wool is Toronto designer Edie Johne, who says it's ideal for Canada's climate — short summer, long winter and long in between seasons.

"It gives the warmth of wool but none of the heaviness of flannel or gabardine," says Johne. "And it styles well."

Among other designer/manufacturers who love the quality cloth are Martin Bergman, vice-president of Contempra Fashions International, Montreal.

He says it's one of his most important spring fabrics. Louben Sportswear of Montreal, says owner Steve Finister has run a big program in it for his fall medium priced sportswear.

Steven Plant, partner in Tom D'Auria, Toronto, says it wears well, sews beautifully and over time, maintains quality.

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Fashion

Gap in European, Canadian trends disappearing

By
CAROLYN BALDWIN
(STYLE)

A fragmented spring textile season is counting for innovation and inspiration on neutral colors, softened texture and fine wovens, subtle and subdued prints, haberdashery looks in plain fabrics, and embroideries, says Pearl Webber, executive director of the Canadian Cotton Council.

And, according to Webber, the 1-year gap between European and North American trends has all but disappeared. European colors used to be more grayed and subtle and there seemed to be more darks than our North American color palette.

"Now, with lots of global travel, our colors and fashions are more similar — fabric designers and colorists are working together," says Webber.

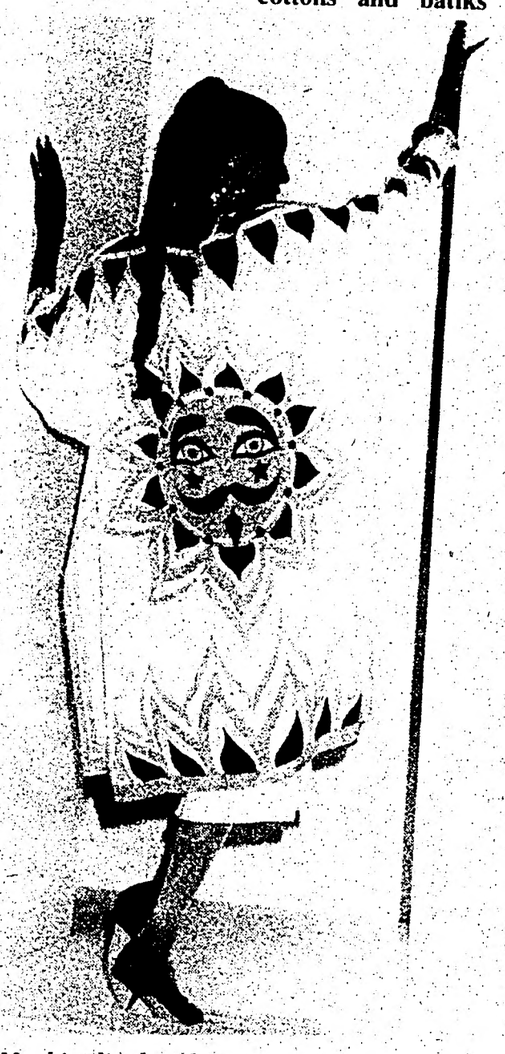
The Council has categorized its spring fabrics by groups — Trousseau, Cottons For Sunday, On The Move and Countries of the South.

Trousseau cottons have the softness of often laundered linens in a range of antique style cottons with satin stripes, damask, broderie anglaise, fine muslin and satin shirtings in white or almost white combinations and small romantic black and white prints.

Other decorative methods include flock prints, transparent stripes, ribbon and braid effect and engraved designs.

Cottons For Sunday are darker and heavier — a variety of elegantly cut ticking, chalk stripe, lining stripe, masculine check and herringbone twills and monochrome jacquards.

Textures from yarn effects, double weaving and seersuckers, enliven the surfaces. Denim is part of new daytime, straight forward, 'real life' clothes. These fabrics should eventually be used together with Trousseau cottons to achieve interesting contrasts.



Bob Mackie displays his sense of humor with a cotton and rayon knit group enlivened with fun graphics. (Ronny Shinder photo)

On-The Move is revitalized clean sportswear basics — poplins, checks, Indian cottons, crumpled cottons and batiks — dominated by khaki colors.

Effects include camouflage, foliage and figurative adventure designs. Countries of the South explores ethnic culture for ideas while avoiding direct imitation in printed geometric and figurative motifs and striped jacquards and seersuckers. Terra cotta colors are highlighted with red and turquoise.

A major consumer of quality cotton and polyester/cotton for the sportswear, jeanswear and shirting volume markets, Dominion Textile, sees its newest big item as poplin — which, in the North American context includes sheeting.

"We have them both and the major ones are cotton," says John Birch, the company stylist and plain shade fabrics merchandiser. "Poplin was seen a lot at Europe's textile shows Premiere Vision and Interstoff."

The new, more fitted silhouette favors fabrics with more tensile strength than the oversize looks.

Crisp poplin is about one ounce heavier by the square yard than the more traditional sheeting. Directional colors in both poplin and sheeting are softened with related warm pastels — pink, yellow and aqua.

Khaki and a renewed interest in denim are other trends from Europe that will be major in Canada says Birch. Khaki, an influence from the movie Out of Africa, is good for safari styling in grayed, brown and green based cottons.

Denim is making an important fashion statement in a tremendous amount of garments. "It's almost like the original craze in the 70s," says Birch.

"There's nothing as suitable for its purpose as indigo blue cotton denim, and nothing looks better."

Denim sampling is strong in conventional 14½ oz. washed, stone washed or bleached denims, and a newer 10 oz. square weave with a chambray look cotton that looks super washed for neater jean pants and jackets.

The lightest made denim — 7½ oz. — formerly reserved for shirts and soft skirts and shorts is now being worked for pants.

Dominion Textile's print direction for spring includes the great looks — African batiks, abstract geometrics and classical stripes.

Yarn dyed 4½ oz. chambray is available plain, indigo or black, or printed with dobby, stars and florals as well as a discharged floral with white or red.

Out of Africa khakis and survival blue, blue indigo messages interpreted mostly on cottons, are popular themes at other domestic mills and importers.

Bond Textiles' president Paul Rubinoff says cotton in primitive patterns and prints is best for his casual sportswear looks. The Montreal importer is doing lots of jungle looks — trees, leaves and animals — in khakis and brown as well as bright green and red.

Fabrications include abstract and floral printed sheeting and bright monotone prints or combed sateen, as well as blue and red overprinted chambray.

Consoltex print stylist Vera Wedlich predicts prints will be very important for spring. Interest on cotton poplins, sheetings, twills and chambrays is strongly traditional or tropical indigo batiks and Out of Africa masculine taupe and khaki jungle prints.

Samuri Canada, two year old print division of Montreal based Satexil, has evolved from its original dependence on polyester to include cottons and cotton blends.

Its prints include ethnic African and next season's neutral, indigo blue. Satexil's upscale woolen and worsted fabrics' mill, Texgram, even has the clean looks for the outback and safari rage in gabardine coatings in khaki and indigo.

And Bartfai Textile Agencies, Toronto, importer for European mills, has the big khaki safari look from Italian mill Seidra — a canvas type cloth in natural and light brown colors with touches of red, orange, blue and green.

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Softer, fluid lines return in career women's outfits

VANCOUVER —

Highly skilled women "don't have to wear costumes" to the office, says Robert Pante, a San Francisco-based image consultant.

By costume, Pante is referring to the neutral-colored and strictly tailored suit that has been accepted as the dress-for-success uniform of business women for the last decade.

Now, a woman wearing a blue or gray suit with plain white blouse and one of those "ridiculous string ties," is looked upon not only as non-esthetic but unfashionable and unfeminine, says Pante.

In Vancouver to give seminars on image and fashion, Pante said the formula for career dressing has changed and a woman wearing a severe business suit might actually thwart her opportunities for advancement.

Key female executives are more likely to wear a dress, while the second or third woman in rank would be wearing a suit, said Pante.

Today's office wardrobe must serve for evening functions as power plays have shifted from the golf course to the dinner table, he said. The smart business woman must plan her wardrobe to accommodate this.

That's one of the reasons separates are ideal for career women, who can replace 2-piece suits with a variety of coordinating jackets, skirts and dresses.

Softer, fluid lines are replacing the hard-edged, tailored silhouette. Jackets have looser sleeves and deeper armholes, shoulder lines are broad and rounded and waistlines are contoured but not restricting.

Women on the way up the career ladder are also turning to more expensive and pronounced jewelry. Quality jewelry gives "an upper echelon status," said Pante.

Business executives are also paying attention to accessories: belts, pocket squares and lapel pins that can add a touch of wit to an outfit.

Clothing that constantly requires adjusting or fiddling is not suitable for the office, said Pante.

His suggestions for attaining a successful look:

— Model yourself after someone in your profession who projects a neat, confident and competent image.

— Learn to align yourself with the corporate image of the company. Art directors and creative advertising executives shouldn't try to look like bankers and vice versa.

— A closet full of inexpensive outfits are probably less useful than three or four well-made ensembles.

— Don't be seduced by trendy, high-fashion items when you should be buying tasteful classics.

Key female executives are more likely to dress like this. Knitted shaped crew, with keyhole detail worn with lean skirt from Selina.

Posture a must for health as well as beauty

By
ROXANNE THORNTON

One of the most fundamental yet frequently overlooked areas of body care and beauty is one's posture.

The fact is that posture is not only crucial to looking good, it's critical to maintaining a healthy body.

Experts agree that the way an individual holds and moves the body not only can cause physical problems but poorly toned muscles.

Proper posture can actually change the shape of the body in ways that exercise can't. It alters the appearance of body proportion and can actually make some people look pounds thinner — or larger.

This information probably comes as no surprise: as children most of us have probably been told to "sit up straight" by well-intentioned parents.

Watch your handbag

But one thing you may not have realized: the heavy handbags you carry on a day-to-day basis can actually distort yur alignment and posture.

Adding extra weight to one shoulder (with a shoulder bag) or to one arm (with a tote) creates an imbalance, pulling the body off centre and affecting your posture as you walk.

If this has become something of a habit for you, you've likely noticed the resulting tense shoulder muscles. And chances are that the shoulder you carry your hand bag on is inches higher than the other!

So what can you do to remedy this situation? Keep in mind that the ideal position is a balanced one. If you're carrying bags of groceries, make them of equal weight, distributed evenly between your two hands.

Carry your shoulder bag on the opposite shoulder that you normally do, and switch the bag frequently from one shoulder or hand to the other, so that one side is not overstressed.

Minimize weight carried

And where possible, minimize the weight you carry by keeping purse contents to essentials only.

If you find your arm or shoulder tensing in order to hold the bag, that signals it's too heavy and could cause strain!

(Roxanne Thornton is the president and co-founder of Seasons, a Canadian-based company that was created to serve as a training and specialty product resource to now more than 1,000 beauty and fashion professionals across Canada, the U.S., and select European cities.)

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BBYO again riding high in Hamilton

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
After several decades of more downs than ups, Hamilton's BBYO is riding high again. And that's what its enthusiastic young executives want the world to know.

They are Avi Goldstein, president, Cory Gurevitz, vice-president, Steve Adler, secretary and Manny Rams, treasurer. On one recent afternoon in an empty classroom of Beth Jacob religious school, where Avi and Steve teach, they're so eager to talk about their group that it's hard to keep track of who's saying what.

They're immensely proud that with 27 paid-up members and about 42 on the calling list, theirs is now the largest chapter in the Lake Ontario Region.

"To pull ahead like that and become the largest," says Steve, "is really fantastic for Hamilton." A member of four years, he explains that the group was restarted about six years ago by Andy Strub.

Now 19 and a student at York University, Andy is the youngest of three brothers who've all served as Hamilton BBYO president and held regional office.

But it was Arnie, the eldest who brought the organization back to Hamilton after an absence of at least 10 years. He's 25 now and in the family pickle business after receiving an MBA from McMaster University.

He became interested in BBYO, says Arnie, when he "met a few people in Toronto." He served as president for two years of what was then Sparta chapter and was succeeded by Marty Strub, a 23-year-old graduate of York University who's also in the family business now.

"And then it fell again," says Arnie. But a couple of years later his youngest brother revived the chapter and appropriately renamed it Phoenix.

"Andy called one day and said he wanted to form a group and I said 'sure'," " recalls Manny, 19, and a first year student at Mohawk College. "We all had a lot of fun and it's been like that ever since."

Programs include athletic activities and attending sports events, social functions and fund raising activities such as the Victoria Day car wash in conjunction with B'nai B'rith Girls. They meet with other BBYO and BBG groups in the region, attend the various conclaves and conventions and will host a regional conclave here later this year.

And a recent successful program was a dance at the JCC in December with members from Toronto and London.

"Mostly we work out our own ideas," says Avi, 18. He is in grade 13 and already worries about what will happen to the chapter when he goes away to university.

Members are encouraged to submit ideas for programs "and not ask what's next," remarks Steve, a 15-year-old grade 10 student.

What's more, they're already looking to the future and have been in touch with the adult B'nai B'rith lodges.

Their advisor, Marc Caminetsky, a former Winnipegger who now lives in Burlington, describes the group as "a bunch of high energy guys" who have "a lot on the ball and get a lot accomplished. They're real go-getters," he says, "definitely good for the community."

BBYO Phoenix chapter executive (from left): Stephen Adler, Avi Goldstein, Cory Gurevitz and Manny Rams, treasurer. [Moura Wolpert photo]

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Official author advises on manuscripts

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Typed manuscripts (with telephone number) should be mailed to her attention to Boys and Girls House, 40 St. George St., Toronto, M5S 2E4. Mackay will read them, whether fiction, articles, or biography, and schedule appointments for personal consultations.

Most consultations, private and informal, will be scheduled for Fridays. Some Saturday appointments will also be available.

Mackay is the award winning author of children's novels Mini-bike Hero, One Proud Summer, and The Minerva Programme, as well as The Union Book, A History of the Canadian Labor Movement.

Creative writing workshops for adults and children will be held throughout Metro. For local details, phone: Toronto, 593-5162; York, 249-7379; North York, 495-3438; Etobicoke, 243-8888; East York, 425-8222; and Scarborough, 291-1991.

The writer-in-libraries program is supported by the Ontario ministry of citizenship and culture.

Helsinki Mirror "a bazaar of human misery"

Accords "known only for breaches": Intrator

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

"They're behavior doesn't jibe with what they're saying."

That was Genya Intrator's reaction to the Soviets signing the Helsinki Accords in August 1975 and no substantial changes have occurred to change her mind after the third review held recently in Vienna.

Genya Intrator

Intrator, co-chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force for Human Rights and previously with both Women for Soviet Jewry and the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, was among eight women who were arrested and interrogated in 1975 after they staged a protest, which the international press covered, in front of then Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's car as it approached the American embassy.

The Moscow-born woman, who has been involved in the Canadian Soviet Jewry movement since 1971, said it was their contention that "the Helsinki Accords was a wonderful undertaking but the Soviets have no intention of complying with it."

In the 11 years since the pact was initally signed, the Accords "have become known only in its breach ... it's indispensable although in some ways obsolete."

While this latest review was taking place, a Paris-based human rights group called Resistance International staged a 4-day exhibition of Soviet human rights violations in a building across the street from where delegates were meeting.

The Task Force was among more than 40 human rights groups from 17 countries that participated in the Helsinki Mirror, which Intrator called "a bazaar of human misery."

The Canadian group's booth featured a display of anti-semitic propaganda camouflaged as anti-Zionist propaganda.

Intrator said there were many Soviets — "they said they were journalists but they were probably KGB officers" — coming to the events.

"They were polite. It was obvious they were instructed to show things are changing under Mikhail Gorbachev. They talked about the wonderful things he was trying to do and appeared to listen to us."

Among those participating in the group's press conference, which concentrated on lobbying for the release of cancer patients, were Natan Scharansky (by telephone from Israel), French singer-actor Yves Montand and Romanian-born French playwright Eugene Ionesco.

In addition, the Task Force "managed to get a film clip of Inna Meiman, who had been clandestinely interviewed in Moscow and which we showed on a huge screen. She spoke of her right as a dying person to seek the best medical care possible and the fact that Soviet doctors have told her there's nothing else they can do for her."

Other speakers were Leonid Charney, brother of cancer patient Benjamin Charney, and Khana Anbinder, the mother of Rima Brave (who has since been allowed to leave).

Intrator said after the press conference, "a Soviet reporter" met with Charney and Anbinder.

"Anbinder was crying that her daughter just had a couple of months to live and 'I just want her to die in my arms'. He was almost crying and said, 'I know many mistakes have been done'."

After he left, Intrator asked her if she believed him.

"He cares as a person, but cannot act but what he's told," she replied.

Intrator said that although Canada's 350,000 Jews are doing a marvellous job on behalf of their brethren in the Soviet Union, they are only a small fraction of Canada's 25 million population. The Task Force's job is to make the average Canadian understand the plight of various ethnic groups, not just Jews, who are "persecuted on the basis of religion.

"All religion is banned ... whatever is allowed is used for window dressing ..... However, the courage and self-sacrifice of religious believers is awesome."

Intrator said that if someone only takes five minutes to write to their MP and MPP who in turn sends the message to the Canadian government, some action will occur.

Because Canada's relations with the Soviet Union are less confrontational than U.S.-Soviet relations, this country "has no axe to grind and can lead the advocacy in the purely humanitarian issues."

Public is asked to help create Museum of To.

TORONTO —

The public is invited and requested to submit briefs, make comments or attend a heritage conference at City Hall on Feb. 14 or 15 to help create the Museum of Toronto.

Ideas from individuals and community, cultural and heritage groups on all aspects including themes and content, programs and activities, collections and location should be presented to the Toronto Historical Board before Feb. 14.

All public input will be taken into consideration in planning the museum, the board states in a release. Briefs will be independently reviewed by Sears and Russell Consultants and Laventhol and Horwath Management Consultants, the board says. Guidelines for briefs are available.

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New legislation protects all Ontario tenants

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
All tenants living in private rental units in Ontario will now be protected from landlords charging "illegal" rents on rental units as a result of protective measures contained in the provincial government's new rent review law.

The Residential Rent Regulation Act was formulated by a committee of tenant and landlord representatives and contains a series of new tenant protection measures including the establishment of a computerized rent registry.

The new registry records the maximum rent which can be charged for each rental unit. Information from the registry is free of charge to the public and available by toll-free telephone.

Under the new law a tenant's rent unit can be increased only once in a 12-month period and landlords must give at least a 90 day notice of a rent increase.

Charging key money in any form is now illegal in Ontario and anyone demanding under-the-table payments from tenants or prospective tenants faces fines of up to $2,000 for an individual and $25,000 for a corporation.

A new Residential Rental Standards Board now ensures that tenants receive proper maintenance of their rental units. Failure by a landlord to meet these standards may result in either suspension or forfeiture of rent increases.

Where a landlord has received a rent increase due to an increase in the interest rate on the mortgage, the tenant's rent increases can be reduced if the interest rate on the mortgage is reduced.

Under the new legislation, the rent review guideline will be adjusted each year to respond to changes in economic conditions, providing tenants with greater protection in times of high inflation. Landlords can now increase rents by a maximum of 5.2% without approval from the ministry of housing.

As well as giving tenants more protection, the new act has changed the process of rent review. Under the old law the Residential Tenancy Commission listened to applications from landlords who applied for rent increases in excess of the rental guideline and tenants who were disputing a rent increase or applying for a rent rebate.

The other arm of the commission heard appeals from landlords and tenants who didn't like the initial decision made by the commission.

Under the Residential Rent Regulation Act the commission's initial review function was transferred to the ministry of housing's new Rent Review Division. At the same time, the Residential Tenancy Commission was transformed into the Rent Review Hearings Board which hears appeals only.

The Rent Review Division operates through local offices throughout Ontario. It has trained officers working with landlords and tenants to settle disputes on a continuous basis by administrative procedures rather than through "quasi-judicial" hearings.

For further information on the new rent review law call the ministry of housing toll-free 1-800-387-9060.

RENT REVIEW UPDATE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING

Important message to tenants and landlords of rental units first occupied after 1975.

The Residential Rent Regulation Act, 1986, extends the protection of rent review to cover *all* tenants in private rental units in Ontario. This includes buildings, mobile homes and mobile home sites first occupied as rental units after 1975.

In the past, tenants living in units which first came on the market after 1975 – post-'75 units – were not protected by rent review. Under the new legislation, tenants living in post-'75 units are now protected by rent review along with all other tenants in private rental units in Ontario.

As well, the provisions extending rent review to cover post-'75 units are *retroactive* to August 1, 1985.

This means that the four per cent Guideline which was in place from August 1, 1985, to December 31, 1986, applied to post-'75 units during this period.

Thus, landlords who charged tenants of post-'75 units more than the four per cent Guideline during this period must now justify those rent increases or refund to tenants the difference between four per cent and the higher amount charged.

Tenants in post-'75 units: do not make immediate deductions from your rent.

For the present, tenants living in post-'75 units should pay the amount requested in the notice by their landlord until the matter is resolved through rent review.

Under no circumstances should tenants make immediate deductions from their rent cheques because an illegal deduction could lead to eviction by the Courts.

Tenants in post-'75 units: obtaining a rent rebate.

- If the landlord of a post-'75 unit has not made an application to rent review by March 2, 1987, the tenant is entitled to a rebate of rents paid above the 4 per cent Guideline between August 1, 1985, and December 31, 1986.
- If the landlord does not voluntarily pay the tenant the rebate owing, the tenant is advised to file an application with the local Rent Review Office for an order requiring the landlord to pay the rebate.
- If the tenant is *certain* of the amount of the rebate, the tenant may deduct the amount from a rent cheque.

Requirements for landlords of post-'75 units.

- Landlords who have charged tenants more than the 4 per cent Guideline from August 1, 1985, to December 31, 1986, have until March 2, 1987, to apply to rent review to justify these rent increases.
- To apply, a landlord must file an application form and supporting information with the local Rent Review Office, showing that the rent increases were justified.
- Landlords who apply to justify these rent increases must give a copy of their application to all of their tenants within 10 days of applying. Tenants are entitled to examine all the materials filed and to make submissions to the local Rent Review Office.
- Landlords who do not apply to rent review on or before March 2, 1987, must rebate excess rents charged to tenants between August 1, 1985, and December 31, 1986.

Landlords of post-'75 units who have already served notice of a rent increase above the 1987 Guideline:

Under the new legislation, the Rent Review Guideline for the year 1987 is 5.2 per cent.

Some landlords of post-'75 units have already served tenants with notice of a rent increase effective on or after January 1, 1987, which exceeds the 5.2 per cent Guideline.

These landlords also have until March 2, 1987, to apply to rent review for approval of a 1987 rent increase above the 5.2 per cent Guideline.

If the landlord applies to rent review, tenants will receive a copy of the application and be given a full opportunity to participate in the rent review process.

If the landlord does not apply to rent review and the time period for doing so expires, the landlord must rebate the difference between 5.2 per cent and the higher amount charged during 1987.

Ministry of Housing
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Actress studied drama at Montreal's SBC

Character stretches Laurence to her Extremities

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

An act of love destroyed into an act of hate.

That's Montreal-born actress Miriam Laurence's synopsis of Extremities, a 4-character play about rape and the emotions it brings to the surface which is slated to open Jan. 29 at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Laurence says the play is timely because of its social implications — every 29 minutes a woman is raped in Canada but only one in 10 reports the rape.

Terry, the character Laurence portrays, represents all women who have been raped. She was raped years earlier by a friend's father, blames herself for his actions, and keeps it a secret until the day after her roommate, Marjorie, is assaulted.

"It was a stretch for me to play the character because she's more scattered and intimidated than I am," the actress said. "Terry, who's Roman Catholic and, I think, quite oppressed by her upbringing, has had fewer choices in life than I've had."

Laurence, who is Jewish and took acting classes at the Saidye Bronfman Centre in her hometown for four years, said that it is timely in light of the backlash against women who have been raped. The play really doesn't concern rape but rather the question of justice.

"It (rape) disturbs me but it feels good to be part of a play that is addressing the issue in a positive way."

The actress, who holds a BA from a Vermont College and a Master's degree

Miriam Laurence

— the thesis for which was Women in Chekhov's Plays and Life — from UCLA in California, where she was a directing major, has worked and lived in Toronto with her husband, Laurence Gilman, since 1983.

The two had met in a Montreal park when Laurence returned from California on a vacation to see her parents. After a 3-year long distance courtship, the two were married in 1981. Laurence left San Francisco, where she was acting and directing in a local theatre, and joined Gilman, a composer and music teacher, in Montreal.

The couple, who recently released a tape of Chanukah songs and stories for children, moved to Toronto two years later when actress Madeleine Sherwood, a native of Montreal and Laurence's first drama teacher in New York, "invited me to come and help her learn the monologues" in Eve.

"I was wasted in Montreal because of the limited English theatre so we decided to move here," she said. "I started teaching at the Leah Posluns Theatre and directing a series of playreadings at Theatre Centre right away."

One of Laurence's recent projects was assistant director of Young People's Theatre's production of Diary of Anne Frank, an experience which she found traumatic — "I couldn't sleep for a month.

"It was a re-education for me of the times in the 30s and 40s in Europe when Jews were oppressed," she said, recalling one book by an Auschwitz survivor which was filled with vivid images. As only she and one cast member were Jewish, it was left to them to help the young actors understand what transpired.

"I can remember being a teenager in Montreal and my father wanting to tell me about those times. Like most kids, I said I'd heard enough.

"There are things you don't want to remember about the Holocaust because it's so disturbing. But as Jews we have to remember — we have no choice but to remember.

"Being a Jew is a symbol of a people who have been oppressed. We of all people should know what that means and be of help to those who face oppression in other parts of the world."

Benefit staged for Haifa University

TORONTO —

The Canadian Friends of Haifa University, in conjunction with State of Israel Bonds and B'nai B'rith's Upper Canada Lodge, are presenting the hit Broadway play, I'm Not Rappaport at the Royal Alexandra Theatre on Sunday, April 12.

Toronto impresario Ed Mirvish and his son David have granted two benefit performances: a night at the Royal Alex in Toronto for the Canadian Friends of Haifa University and a night at the Old Vic Theatre in London for the British Friends of Haifa University.

The Toronto performance will have three categories of seats: $100, $150 and $250 each. Proceeds will go toward purchasing one $100,000 Variable Rate Interest (VRI) State of Israel Bond in the name of Haifa University. Checks are payable to Haifa University for a tax deductible receipt (less costs).

The ticket price includes a "meet the cast" after show reception for all guests, to be held at Old Ed's Restaurant (dietary laws will be observed).

As well, one ticket stub will be drawn on the night of the show. The prize will be two tickets to the benefit performance at London's Old Vic, followed by an after-show reception with invited guests from the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

I'm Not Rappaport, a 1983 Tony nominee by Herb Gardner sets its sights on two cantankerous but feisty New York octogenarians, who philosophize about life in a funny but touching way. The stars of the show are to be announced soon.

Seats in each category will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and demand for tickets is expected to be heavy, organizers say.

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Arts

Robert Naismith (left) and Kevin Stewart duel in the sci-fi version of the King Arthur legend titled Young Art at the Theatre Passe Muraille.

Play proves mishmash

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Zounds! Far out, man!

Prithee, fair reader, thou must beware of being zonked by the fire-breathing dragon and spaced out by yon comely lass with her outer space ray gun and that spell-casting varlet, the Devil himself, all on a freaky bum trip at Theatre Passe Muraille, 16 Ryerson Ave., 363-2416, until Feb. 1.

If the above language sounds somewhat confused, that's what comes from seeing the sci-fi drama playing there written by Edmonton playwright Brad Fraser.

Even its title, *Young Art*, is confusing. It does not refer to artistic youths, but rather to young King Arthur, who is about to take over the Roundtable in ancient England.

A better title, perhaps, would be *Camelot 1001*, and the entire mishmash would be better presented as a kiddies' cartoon show on Saturday morning. Pay attention, sirrah, and thy scribe will tell thee what the darn thing's all about.

In this mixup of time and space, an assortment of characters appear in Merlin's magical lair, which is actually a Queen St. subway station-cum-junk shop hexed by the evil Beelzebub.

The three people lost in this catacomb are the teenaged King Arthur, who speaks in Olde Englyshe (called Art), a hippie draft dodger from the 1960s named Larry (short form for Sir Lancelot), and a futuristic female space warrior called Ayla (a kind of Star Wars Guinevere).

If you're a sci-fi zealot or a rock video buff with an arrested IQ, you may get a few laughs from the mixup of language and the spooky technical effects.

Personally, I almost got asphyxiated by the billows of dragon smoke that kept pouring over the footlights and found the hapless misadventure pretty well a bum drug trip.

Weaver, Caine deserve better

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Half Moon Street is finally here. During the 1986 Toronto film festival, I waited in line for one hour to see it, only to be told inside the theatre that it wouldn't be screened. Its last-minute substitute, a laborious Italian comedy of no merit whatsoever, had the effect of increasing my desire for *Half Moon Street*.

I needn't have waited in anticipation. *Half Moon Street*, now at the Varsity, is no more than a run-of-the mill film.

Starring the lovely Sigourney Weaver and the dapper Michael Caine, *Half Moon Street* is handicapped by astonishingly inept dialogue whose cliches can make you squirm.

The screenwriters, Bob Swaim and Edward Behr, should be sent packing to a summer writing course.

But for all its generally poor dialogue, it is not a bad film, merely an ordinary one.

The plot is interesting. Lauren Slaughter (Weaver) is an American academic living in London. A Harvard PhD in Chinese economics, as well as an accomplished linguist, she is a fellow at the Middle East Institute for Strategic Studies.

Dr. Slaughter, the name by which she is known, is widely respected as an expert on Arab oil economies. Properly prim in her colorless horn rimmed glasses, she dazzles her audiences with her intellectual fireworks.

But, alas and alack, Dr. Slaughter — a divorce — is vastly underpaid and forced to live in a ratty flat without even a proper shower.

Weary of counting pennies, she finds employment in an upscale escort service catering to rich clients who can afford the luxury of paying for their sybaritic pleasures.

During the course of her duties, she meets Lord Bulbeck (Caine), a high-ranking diplomat who is considered Britain's leading Middle Eastern authority. A widower, Bulbeck requires the services of ladies like herself because he can't be bothered going through the time-consuming rituals of dating.

Almost immediately, Lauren Slaughter is attracted to Lord Bulbeck, a man of obvious substance and a well-bred blue-blooded gentleman. He, in turn, appreciates her, a woman of beauty and brains.

Being concerned about the sleazy trade she plies, he warns her to be careful. But she laughs off his warning. The money is good and, as she puts it, she enjoys "uncomplicated sex."

Half Moon Street, which runs for 98 minutes, is somewhat suspenseful, but hardly as scintillating as it should have been.

Weaver and Caine are are fine in their roles, but the script drags them down.

Now we all know why the Toronto film festival suddenly pulled the plug on it.

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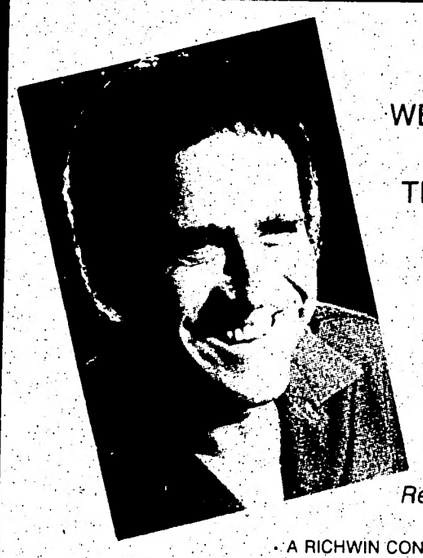

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By
RICK KARDONNE

Yehoram Gaon, one of Israel's most popular male singers, will perform at Minkler Auditorium at 8 p.m. Jan. 28, and Jan. 29.

Gaon, as singer, actor and TV personality, has been a major entertainer for more than 20 years. Born in Jerusalem, Gaon has helped engineer the Sephardi cultural renaissance in Israel while at the same time remaining as a consistent pop superstar.

First appearing in the Yarkon Bridge Trio, he soon went on his own both as an actor in Israel's most distinctive original musical, Kazablan, and as the singer of many hit songs such as Portrait of a Medic, Lots of Love, Lila, No More War, The Last War, Erez, and of course, Rosa Rosa.

As an actor, Gaon appeared not only in the film version of Kazablan but also as Jonathan Natanyahu in the Israeli Entebbe movie, Operation Thunderbolt.

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Yehoram Gaon

show of over two hours in length, featuring excerpts of his latest rock video.

Gaon is a personification of the spirit of Israel today. His overseas tours have been consistent sellouts and there is no reason why this concert should be any different. For further information call 225-0405.

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This year's Temple Sinai Musical Legacy Concert will feature a performance of Jewish works by the National Chamber Orchestra of Canada, under the baton of conductor-composer-violinist Sasha Weinstangl, on Jan. 23.

Weinstangl was originally from Yugoslavia where he was the youngest member of the Belgrade Chamber Orchestra. He had his first composition published at the age of 9. He was a long term artist in residence at McMaster University.

The North York-based National Chamber Orchestra is planning a European tour, as well as participation in the 1987 Hong Kong Music Festival. The players number from 9 to 25, depending on the repertoire which is selected by founder Weinstangl.

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Aaron Copland's Quiet City will be performed by the Royal Conservatory Orchestra, conducted by John Barnum, director of the Mississauga Symphony and Orpheus Choir, on Jan. 30. Steven Staryk, one of Canada's best native-born violinists, will conduct Vivaldi's Festive Concerti that same concert at the Conservatory. For further information call 978-3771.

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Trumpeter Fred Stone died in mid-December at a comparatively young age.

Stone was a major Toronto jazz figure. He played with Duke Ellington on a regular basis. His ensemble played across Canada, the U.S. and Israel, where he played with the Israel Philharmonic. In 1977 he seriously considered aliya.

Stone was a trumpet version of Stan Getz who blended smooth sophistication with avant-garde progress. Shortly after his death, Toronto's top jazz station, CKLN, broadcast a 2-hour tribute program of his several records that emphasized this smooth, polished style.

He will truly be missed.

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Israel army chief cantor Arie Braun has just officially signed an agreement to become cantor of Montreal's Shaarei Hashomayim Congregation. This writer wishes Braun well in his new post.

Miss Mary evokes splendor

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

In *Miss Mary*, Maria Luisa Bemberg, the noted Argentine filmmaker, beautifully recreates a certain time and a particular place.

Miss Mary, starring the British actress Julie Christie, is set on a sprawling Argentinian ranch in the 1930s and 1940s. It is a film that looks at a privileged social class — the cattle barons — with some disdain.

Mary Mulligan, played with steely grace by Christie, arrives in Argentina in 1938, not too long after yet another coup d'etat. She is a British Catholic governess and she has come to South America to care for the three pampered children of a wealthy Anglo-Argentine rancher.

The family lives in splendid isolation, in a Tudor-style house, and they are attended to by scurrying maids and butlers. They lack for nothing, but a sense of unease pervades the household.

The master of the house, a cynical lecher who's attracted to Mary's clear blue eyes, gives her general instructions on how to raise his two spirited daughters and sensitive son. His wife, a spoiled, temperamental woman who retreats to a "crying room" when trouble looms, is obviously incapable of doing the job.

Miss Mary is no taskmaster, but she is certainly a stickler for social protocol. She's not really a snob, but acts like one by refusing to speak Spanish. "That's the strength of the British empire," she says cheerfully.

Bemberg's film, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, evokes the palatial splendor to which the Argentine rural elite was accustomed to living.

But more than that, it explores their decadent and reactionary attitudes, as well as their hypocricies, with subtle skill.

Julie Christie, a lovely, mature actress, is backed up by a competent cast that includes Nacha Guevara, Tato Pavlovsky and Gerardo Romano.

If *Miss Mary* is typical of Argentina's film industry, Argentina can be proud.

Windsor to host Rodan

WINDSOR —

The Israel Sinfonietta Orchestra under the direction of Mendi Rodan, will perform at the Windsor Jewish Community Centre, 1641 Ouellette Ave. at 2.p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25.

The Beersheba orchestra's musicians despite their various origins, have become a highly professional symphony, and have been described as delighting audiences with their joyous spontaneity, technical skills, and their obvious enjoyment in making music together.

Rodan is celebrating a decade with the orchestra. Since his appointment as music director and chief conductor, he has brought the Israel Sinfonietta to the important position it holds today in the musical life of Israel.

Rodan is head of the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance and permanent conductor of the Belgium National Orchestra in Brussels.

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Arts

Hunger killed at least 5 million

Author chronicles terror of Stalin's forced famine

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Harvest of Sorrow: Soviet Collectivization and the Terror-Famine. By Robert Conquest, University of Alberta Press, $24.95.

Stalin declared in 1931: "We are fifty or a hundred years behind the advanced countries. We must make good this distance in ten years. Either we do it or they will crush us." Exactly 10 years later, with Hitler's attack in 1941, the supreme test came and was met successfully by the Soviet Union, despite the madness and cruelty of Stalin who had weakened the country to the point of acute vulnerability.

The same year that he told an assembly of industrial workers that they had but one decade to prepare for the enemy, he confiscated 5 million tons of grain and sold them abroad to pay for machine imports. This huge supply of food, extracted from a hungry peasantry at the point of a gun, ended up costing the lives of at least 5 million people who did not survive the terrifying famine of 1932-1933.

Three years later, in 1928, Stalin initiated his grandiose 5-year plan to nationalize all private enterprise including agriculture. Millions of land-holding peasants — especially the kulaks (those with enough land to use hired labor) — fiercely resisted merging their land, tools and livestock into giant collective farms.

Stalin was determined to crush the opposition. He ordered teams of urban workers and soldiers into the countryside to seize foodstuff from the farmers. They responded by burning their crops and slaughtering more than half of Russia's livestock.

All resisting peasants were labeled enemies of the state. Between 1929 and 1934, millions were deported to slave labor camps in Siberia, died from starvation and disease or were executed by the secret police. Multitudes of desperate families fruitlessly roamed the countryside and crowded the roads in search of food. Troops barred their way to other, more fortunate, parts of the country.

It was the Ukraine, the great breadbasket of the country, that suffered most acutely as Stalin showed no mercy in crushing every sign of resistance or any indication of regional nationalism.

Many experts believe that the blow to Russian agriculture was so staggering that it has not fully recovered to this day.

The author, well known for his previous book, *The Great Terror*, which deals with Stalin's mass purge of the 1930s, writes: "What occurred was part of the normal political experience of the senior members of today's ruling group in the kremlin. And the system then established in the countryside is part of the Soviet order as it exists today. Nor have the methods employed to create it been repudiated."

Like many Germans who have not yet faced up to the HItler years, or the Turks who do not acknowledge the Armenian massacres, the Soviet leadership still resolutely refuses to admit the Stalin atrocities. Man's barbarism to man for utopian political, social or religious objectives as an ever-recurring blot on human history.

Straight from the Lip amuses

By
DAVID BIRKAN

You don't have to be a maven in Canadian politics to get some chuckles and even a few laughs from Jean Deau's Straight from the Lip (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $10).

This soft-cover 91-page anthology of alieged statements will in fact acquaint you with political newsmakers more effectively than reams of newspaper reports and columns. Whether you get the right impression is another matter, but then straight journalism cannot always be relied on to give that either.

This is an unabashed takeoff of Jean Chretien's recent book of political memoirs, Straight from the Heart. In an unusual "introduction," Chretien refuses to plug "a stupid collection of (probably fictional) autobiographies of Great Canadians" and urges browsers to buy his own book instead.

(The identity of Jean Deau — John Doe, as the other side of the cereal box would read — is not revealed. Could it be Chretien after all? In any case, everyone loves a mystery.)

The title of each entry begins Straight from . . . Brian Mulroney's, for example, is Straight from the Chin. Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa's is Straight from the Hairdresser. Liberal Party Leader John Turner's is Straight from Winston's (Toronto's restaurant hangout for the power elite).

In Straight from the Depths, the Canadian dollar bill recounts his long and colorful past as he bemoans his replacement by a coin — the ultimate in a series of recent indignities. The latter began with "Trudeau and his lackies printing me like I was going out of style.

"I began to phone my distant relatives in Argentina and Israel, to ask what it was like to be worthless," wails our dollar.

Longtime Liberal Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King gets to tell his view of things. His entry is entitled Straight from the Grave. It is preceded by the famous quote from late media pundit Marshall McLuhan: "The medium is the message."

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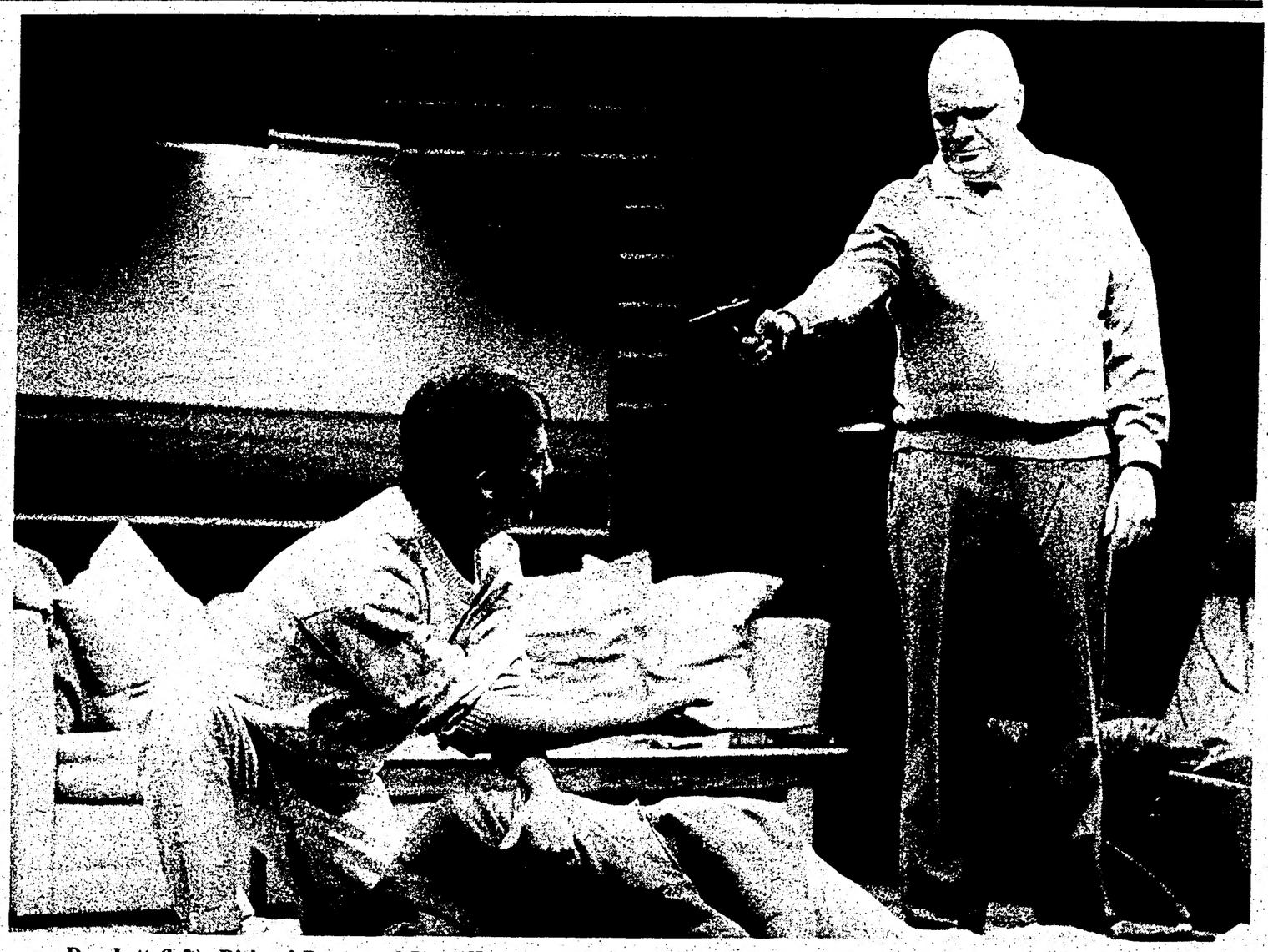
Literate script, witty dialogue, acting impress in Precipice

By
FRANK RASKY



Dan Lett (left), Richard Donat and Dean Hawes co-star in Precipice, provocative drama at the Factory Theatre.

TORONTO —

It was F. Scott Fitzgerald who once observed, "The rich are different from you and me."

And it was, of course, Ernest Hemingway who retaliated with the witticism, "Yes, they have more money."

Evidently another difference is that money has nothing to do with the emotional tug-of-war conducted by members of a rich family. Rather, they squabble about the lack of love exchanged by them.

That, at any rate, is the theme of Lawrence Jeffery's provocative new drama Precipice, (playing until Feb. 8 at the Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst St. at Adelaide, 864-9971).

Jeffery is one of the most interesting of the young new Canadian playwrights, with a distinctive theatrical voice.

The son of wealthy Toronto parents, he studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and at York University here, and his first play, *Clay*, about the problems of the rich, was nominated for a 1981 Dora Award as well as a Governor-General's Award.

His newest drama, crisply directed by Bob White and beautifully performed by a splendid Canadian cast, focuses this time on a worldly, articulate, upper-crust WASP family holding a reunion in an ocean-girt home in British Columbia.

In the climactic scene, the father, a domineering billiard-bald, chesty Daddy Warbucks figure, tries to thrust a wad of dollar bills on his jet-setting daughter.

When she rejects it, indicating that he has always given her money in lieu of love and compassion, he flings the dollars at her and stamps out in a silent fury.

I must admit my heart can't bleed over the travails of the emotionally constipated rich so over-indulged that they turn their backs on good hard cash.

Yet I must admit, too, I was intrigued by the wit, the word play, and the credibility of the characterization.

Jeffery has a good ear for the dialogue of well-heeled Canadians and, from the frequent bursts of laughter from the well-dressed audience on opening night, it was clear that the foibles and mannerisms of the characters onstage struck a responsive chord.

This reviewer knows some industrial titans, both Jewish and non-Jewish, exactly like the Big Daddy figure. As portrayed by Dean Hawes, recently seen in *Glengarry Glen Ross*, he is a believable grotesque: a vain and ruthless money-grubber, yet endowed with a bleak sense of humor, and under his bluster a sadly lonely human.

Much of the stylish wit is provided by Richard Donat in the skilfully wrought role of the son-in-law. A foppish former banker, living off his monied wife, he is a parasitic, dilettante would-be travel writer, who is funny and yet moving in his spinelessness.

When taunted cruelly by the father-in-law who supports him, he tries to shoot himself. Yet even in that tragic moment, he is a failure; he blinds himself rather than kills himself. Donat is such a sensitive actor that he turns this bit of gallows humor into affecting drama.

I also admired the acting of Nancy Palk (a fine comedienne in *Murder At McQueen*) who here conveys her delicate love-hate relationship with her husband so suddenly blinded and Deborah Kimmett, a graduate of the Toronto Second City comedy company, as the nurse of the old man's dying wife.

It's a play as dramatic and entertaining as *Dynasty*, but with a script far more literate and wittier.

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Travel

Low flights over glorious scenery

Helicopter rides over Maui crater dazzle visitors

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY

HONOLULU —

Passengers who alight from a Maui Helicopters flight bubble over with enthusiasm. "Great!" "Great!" "The highlight of Maui!"

There's no question that the ride over the Haleakala Crater, the world's most famous dormant volcano, is a hundred times more thrilling than any Cinerama movie or roller coaster. Even those who've taken helicopter rides elsewhere emerge dazzled from this one, and it's not just the crater that excites them.

"Panoramic Journey" ($135 for 55 minutes) starts out like an unfolding melodrama. Rufus, the pilot, clearly loves his occupation. He also makes a lot of hip jokes. He announces that we will ride 1,000 feet above the shoreline at a cruising speed of 145 mph, but this information proves to be immaterial. All sense of perspective vanishes into thin air. Groves of papaya and pineapples at a 40-mile wide plantation look like nothing more than fanciful leaf paintings.

The helicopter heads toward a tremendous waterfall that first resembles a fluttering narrow white ribbon against rounded green cliffs. There are lots of waterfalls on this trip and they're all thrilling, especially when Rufus "climbs" them slowly. You feel you could reach out to touch the ferns and other fauna which frame the falls.

Rufus claims that 90 million tons of water fall every day on Maui.

At the top of a spongy moss promontory, rare black and white hoa hoa birds can be seen nesting. The truly observant passenger might also spot clusters of red African tulips in tree tops.

The Hana Highway, which lies in the forest below like a curving worm, seems very isolated, as do numerous secluded beaches. Rufus reports he frequently drops honeymooners at such spots for a swim and picks them up later by pre-arrangement.

We pass over a field station located in a dense forest, discernible only by its blue fiberglass roof.

Five acres near the Makina Beach sell for a half million dollars and up. Rufus points out the waterfront homes of George Harrison, Richard Pryor, Jim Nabors, etc. He tells us proudly that he flies George Harrison in with his family several times a year. "A really nice guy," he says.

He alerts passengers to the green church steeple that is partly visible under a grove of trees. Charles Lindbergh is buried in the graveyard there. "Maui is the place he loved best. Good ole Charlie." A little farther on, Lindbergh's large A-frame house can be seen in a pastoral clearing.

As the helicopter climbs alongside Mano Falls, stirring music that matches awed feelings comes through the earphones. It's a nice touch and not at all banal. Rufus flies low over groves of trees telling us to "look for fern trees," rare trees that have ferns growing on top. As we peer intently, searching, he suddenly takes off across a wide valley. Everyone gasps at the sheer drop. It is like ski jumping magnified.

Suddenly, Rufus goes into a fast climb that takes us above the clouds. So this is what it is like to be an angel! But just as suddenly, we reach the crater. The first glimpse of it is thrilling, as near to a moonscape as some of us will ever get. Dozens of red and black cinder cones rise out of an endless landscape of black lava. Mini-volcanoes that look like fresh-baked purple and yellow kiln pots lie scattered about in the immense bowl.

We fly low enough to feel encompassed within the crater, with only the blue sky to be seen over its rim. The scenery is mesmerizing; it comes as no surprise to learn that this is where the first astronauts actually rehearsed their moon walks.

The largest cone erupted 175 years ago and is 1,900 feet tall. It looks much smaller, like a big black sand pile, so it is incredible to realize that it is actually 400 feet taller than the Empire State Building. At the topmost point of the island, which is 10,029 feet high, passengers get a glimpse of the stark white Buck Rogers-like Science City, which houses radar and radio equipment within its cubic and round ultra-modern building.

Before making a last fast descent, Rufus advises his passengers to yawn and swallow hard. Swallowing hard, we see bathers on the plush Inter-Continental Hotel beach. Tennis players are positioned on most of the courts and golfers are out in full force on the Blue Golf Course. We can even see bathers in the outdoor whirlpool bath, as well as in the three other pools at the Inter-Continental.

The first thing we do when we get out of the helicopter is to seize some waiting passengers to tell him how great the trip was. "Great! Great!" The highlight of Maui!" It was, in fact, a highlight of years of great traveling experiences and will never be forgotten.

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Fort Jefferson appears like brooding medieval fortress

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

FORT JEFFERSON, Fla. — Several hundred feet above the calm, azure waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Fort Jefferson resembled a miniature toy fortress. But as our Cessna 206 float plane descended for a landing, the red-brick complex looked more like a brooding medieval French fortress than a 19th century U.S. Army fort.

Lying in the outer reaches of the Florida Keys, Fort Jefferson is inaccessible to most tourists. Sixty eight nautical miles west of Key West, it can only be reached by chartered private boat or commercial seaplane, the cost of which runs to $100 and more. Last year, 25,000 tourists managed to visit Fort Jefferson.

Located among a cluster of seven coral reefs referred to as the Dry Tortugas, Fort Jefferson is not just an interesting historical site, but a protected wildlife refuge as well.

In short, it offers the average tourist more than he or she would probably bargain for.

To understand why it was erected here, in the middle of nowhere, a brief history lesson is in order.

The Dry Tortugas were discovered by Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon in 1513. Since they were waterless, there was not much to commend them. And if it hadn't been for the profusion of edible turtles which live around the reefs, the Tortugas would undoubtedly have been bypassed by wayfarers.

For several centuries after Ponce de Leon's discovery, the sun-scorched Tortugas were the haunt mainly of freewheeling buccaneers. After Florida's entry into the union, the pirates were driven out and a lighthouse was put up to prevent shipwrecks.

Before all these developments, countless vessels had come to grief here after striking treacherous coral reefs. Today, as you fly to Fort Jefferson, you can see the various wrecks resting on the ocean floor, and your pilot points out the dolphins, manta rays and sharks swimming near the surface of the water.

Fort Jefferson was built because the Dry Tortugas sit astride the main navigation route in the Gulf of Mexico. Construction began in 1846 and was supervised by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

In the first half of the 19th century, Fort Jefferson was the largest link in a chain of seacoast fortifications stretching from Maine to Florida.

In its time, Fort Jefferson was considered something of an engineering marvel. It was 50 feet high, composed of 16 million bricks and its walls were 8 feet thick. It could house 1,500 soldiers, and its three gun tiers were designed for 450 guns.

As it happened, Fort Jefferson, which was never actually completed, was a white elephant long before its final demise as a military base. New advances in cannon technology rendered it vulnerable to enemy forces, while the shifting foundation of sand and coral ultimately cracked its walls.

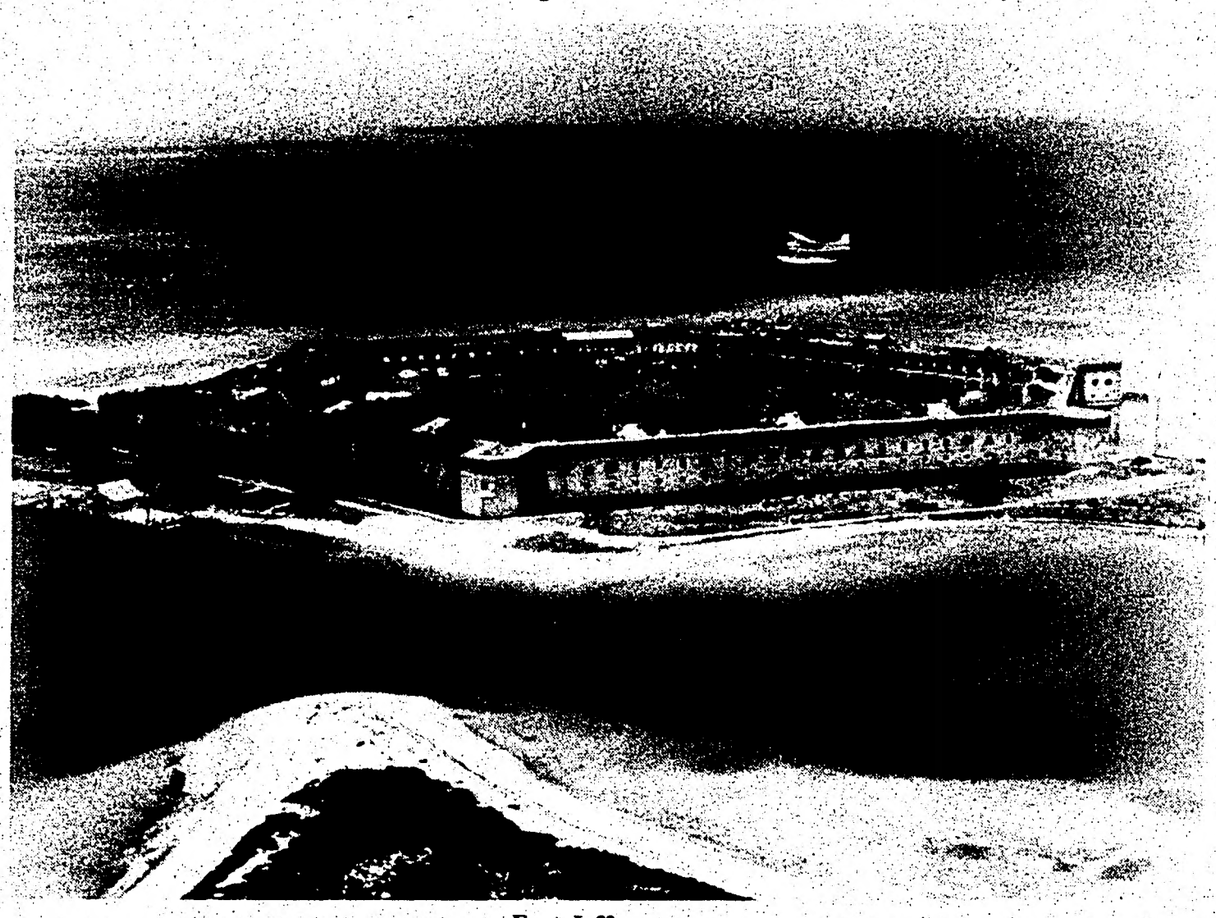
During the Civil War, Union troops occupied Fort Jefferson to guard captured deserters who had been sent here. Its most famous inmate was Dr. Samuel Mudd, the Maryland physician who had unwittingly set the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1908, a wildlife refuge was established. And in 1935 President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed Fort Jefferson and the surrounding shoals and waters Fort Jefferson National Monument.

Today, Fort Jefferson lies quietly and rather forlornly under a beating sun. There are yawning gaps in its walls and weeds grow in profusion on its ramparts. In the central courtyard, which is called The Parade, you can see the weed-choked ruins of barracks and what is left of the hotshot furnace and the ammunition magazine.

If you climb one of the staircases, you'll find the spacious cell in which Dr. Mudd was confined.

Air Canada offers nonstop service to Miami. From Miami, Piedmont flies to Key West. In Key West, contact Key West Seaplane Service (305-294-6978) for information about flying to Fort Jefferson.



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Yacht Calypso tours the tropical isles of Costa Rica

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

PUNTARENAS, Costa Rica —

If you've got visions of lush tropical islands dancing in your head, you'd do well to sign up for a day's cruise on the Calypso.

Every day, at about 9.45 a.m., the Calypso, a 50-foot yacht, sets out from the marina in this Pacific port and gives its passengers a relaxing 7-hour cruise of the Gulf of Nicoya and the 20 odd islands in its relatively warm waters.

The tour is run by Pacific Island Cruises, and the cost per person is $55 U.S.

The Calypso pulls out of Puntarenas, away from the mangrove swamps, and makes its way up the narrow channel, floating past canning factories, houses on stilts and fishing boats, and heads into the gulf.

Passengers relax, enjoying the views, and a member of the crew, clad in white, offers them ripened bananas and sweet pineapple slices from a platter he balances in one hand.

Most of the islands in the gulf have been turned into nature reserves where deer, wild pigs and monkeys roam freely. Birds, including migrating Canadian geese, nest on rocky outcroppings.

There is a prison colony on one of the islands close to Puntarenas, and because man-eating sharks inhabit these waters few prisoners who value their lives try to escape.

Two hours out of Puntarenas, the Calypso passes the thickly-wooded Negritos Islands, a pre-Columbian Indian burial ground where various artifacts have been uncovered. Within 30 minutes, we sight Tortuga Island, with its white sand beach, swaying coconut palms and lush vegetation.

Adventurous souls dive into the clear water and swim toward shore, about 100 metres away. The rest of us get there on a rowboat.

While lunch is being prepared under the shade of an enormous tree, people frolick in the water, tan themselves under the broiling sun, look for shells or sip coconut milk through a straw.

The captain of the Calypso rings a bell. The buffet lunch is being served. And what a meal it is. The appetizer is a seafood cocktail, while the main course consists of barbecued sea bass smothered in shrimp sauce, tossed green salad with hearts of palm, marinated vegetable salad and carrot salad in orange juice. For dessert, there is lemon cake.

While I munch away contentedly, contemplating the jungle past the clearing where we all sit on wooden benches, several scrawny chickens root around.

After we've finished, the captain invites me to climb to the the summit of the island's highest peak. Never one to turn down such physical challenges, I accept. Perspiring heavily, I reach the top without any incident, and there, in the distance, lies a panoramic view of shimmering ocean, bobbing pleasure craft and white sand beaches of several islands.

It is a sight to remember.

On the return trip, we see pelicans diving into the water gracefully and clouds of birds hovering over a lonely island. I lounge on the sun deck, sipping Cafe Rica coffee liqueur with milk, thinking of how wonderful it has all been. My companions, an American couple and a group of Italians, agree.

The next day, I'm given a brief tour of Puntarenas, a generally drab city built on a sandspit extending about two miles into the Pacific. Puntarenas has a beach, but it is a rather poor one, and is certainly not in the same league as the secluded Dona Ana beach just down the road a bit.

Finest beaches in the north

The finest beaches in Costa Rica, however, lie much further north in the Nicoya Peninsula, along the Gulf of Papagayo.

From Flamingo Beach to El Coco, I explored the majority of them from my base at the El Ocotal Hotel, in the sleepy village of Ocotal. And although they were all basically fine, the beach at Hermosa was the one I liked best.

I guess I liked Hermosa so much because of Aqua Sport, where a tourist can rent pedal boats, surf boards, water skiis and windsurfing equipment. Aqua Sport's cozy outdoor restaurant is a treat as well, and I had the pleasure of eating two seafood meals there.

In one instance, the cook prepared a whole mackerel one of my guides had caught just hours before. And it was delicious.

I had only one complaint. The access roads leading to the beaches were badly rutted. If the Costa Rican authorities ever pave the roads, the beaches on the Pacific will be far easier to reach in the future.

The white sands of Tortuga Island, in the Pacific of Costa Rica.

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Landmarks, kashruth, mikvahs

New guide aids Jewish tourists to Europe

By
ROSE KLEINER

The term "Jewish Europe" conjures up different associations for different travelers. For some it means visiting Jewish landmarks and museums — the monuments to Jewry's long sojourn in the various countries of Europe.

For others, these excursions are only the beginning. To them Jewish Europe also means worshipping in today's European synagogues, eating in the kosher restaurants, shopping in the local kosher shops, and even, for some, using the facilities of the local mikvahs.

If the passing tourist is to participate more closely in the Jewish community which he is visiting, he must arrive at his destination well informed about its facilities. This has not always been easy in the past. Most guidebooks concentrate on historical descriptions. Data about local facilities is usually limited.

Now there is a new guidebook for tourists seeking more detailed information. Asher Israelowitz's *Guide to Jewish Europe*, the Western Europe edition, is a handy and well-arranged little volume that you will not leave behind when going to Europe.

The book is carefully prepared to provide all sorts of facts for the Jewish traveler. Several pages of touring tips precede the actual guide. The tips are meant to avoid some of the hassles encountered by foreigners abroad.

For those who keep kosher the guide can be invaluable. For example, the author states that the milk in Spain contains animal fat. During processing, when the heavy cream is removed from the milk, it is replaced with animal fat!

The book covers all the major Western European countries from Spain to Finland. Listings include railroad timetables, youth hostels, kosher restaurants, American Express offices, mikvahs, and where to get kosher provisions. Sabbath candlelighting times are also given.

There is even a list of locations where Israeli folkdancing takes place. The list includes the major cities of Europe, ranging from as far north as Oslo, Norway, to Lyon, France, in the south.

The book is well illustrated with good maps and with excellent and unique photos, taken by the author himself.

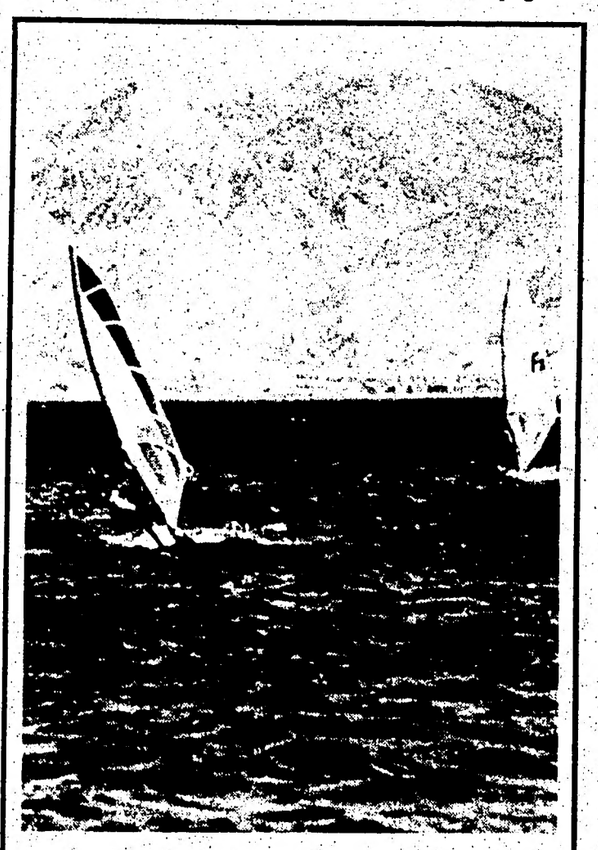
For travelers unfamiliar with such terms as mikvah, there is a very short glossary at the back of the book. This glossary could have been more comprehensive. For more learning, the short bibliography gives many of the basic source books which would be of interest to those exploring Jewish Europe.

Travel with this guide can enrich, and deepen one's appreciation of Europe. For example, in Copenhagen, you can enjoy the Tivoli Gardens, but you can also stop in at the Great Synagogue. There, in the elegant gold and white interior, every morning, Denmark's chief rabbi conducts daily services. A special kiddush for visitors, is given on Friday evenings in the summer.

Elsewhere, while admiring Italy's great treasures of art, you can follow this guidebook to that country's great treasures of Jewish art.

Many interesting historical tidbits are scattered throughout the book. In the 17th century Switzerland had two villages populated by what might be called today Jewish "cowboys." Scotland's largest manufacturer of kilts is named "Mr. Cohen." Gibraltar's Main St. has a very large number of Jewish shops. All of them are closed on the Sabbath.

Asher Israelowitz, the author, is a professional architect and photographer. His photographs have been exhibited in museums throughout the New York area, including the Brooklyn and Whitney Museums. Guide to Jewish Europe can be obtained by writing to the author at: PO Box 228, Brooklyn, NY 11229.



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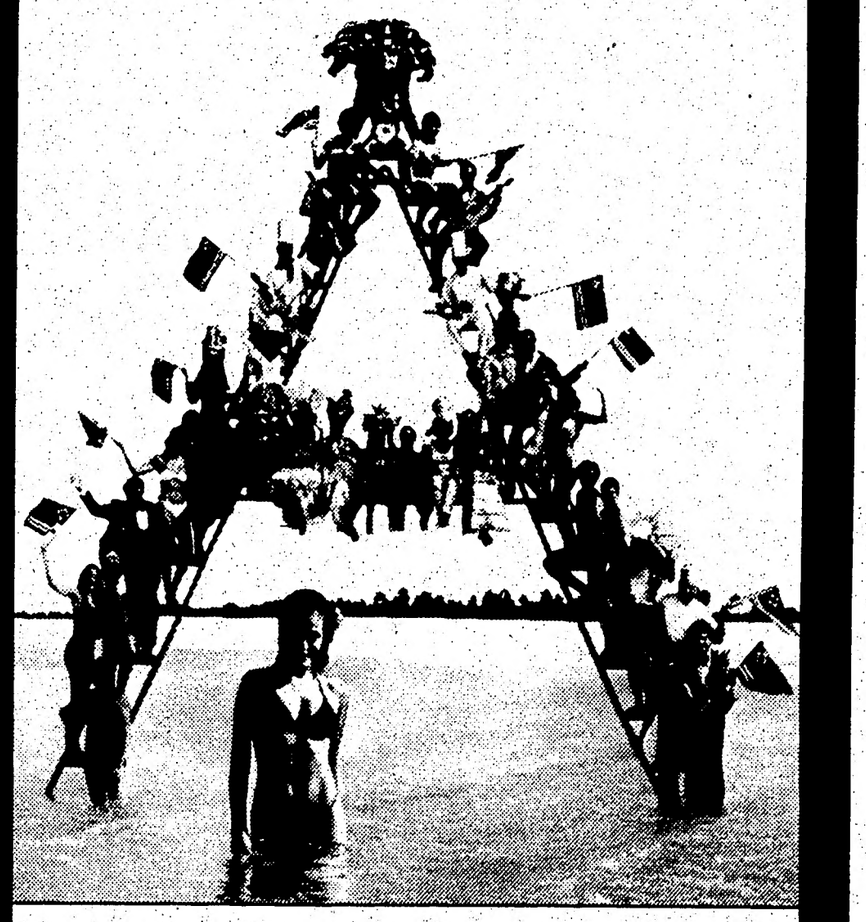

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Fashion forecaster uses "sixth sense"

TORONTO —

Maggie Woodburn insists she's not a psychic but most of her clients would tell you otherwise.

They depend on her predictions, her ability to spot future fashion trends to plan their businesses and more often than not, she's right on track.

The job of a fashion forecaster is not an easy one but it suits the striking brunette from Toronto to a tee. Her past experience in the fashion business and her "sixth sense" allow her to pick up on the little details, the new silhouettes, the colors that will become big money and she translates and passes on this vital information to her many clients in the manufacturing and retail segments of the fashion industry.

As publisher and editor of Fashion Format, a color and trend forecast newsletter, Woodburn sees herself as "the eyes and ears of the business" for her clients.

"Basically, I put the manufacturer or retailer in the fashion capitals of the world on a monthly basis. They can see the trends as they emerge, either from the "hot" designers or from the street.

"For the smaller retailers, I give them the solid information they need to do business without the expense of traveling; for the larger retailers, I act as confirmation for their own thoughts as well as pointing out new ideas and trends they might have missed in their travels."

Founded six years ago as an offshoot of Magwood Enterprises, an individualized fashion consulting service, Fashion Format now boasts correspondents in the United States and Europe and a growing circulation in both the U.S. and Canada.

"I expanded into the U.S. last year primarily as a result of demand from retailers following a

Maggie Woodburn

fashion seminar I gave at a trade show, and the response has been extremely gratifying," says Woodburn.

So gratifying, in fact, that she has already opened an office there and hired a reporter to cover the New York market on a regular basis.

Unlike other forecasting newsletters, Fashion Format is published in an orderly, segmented format for use by both the manufacturer and retailer. Since the forecasting occurs at least one year in advance of the actual consumer market, Woodburn feels it is important to keep the sequence of trend predictions in order . . . color precedes fabric, followed by silhouettes and trends and so on.

Footwear is always featured in August, giving ready-to-wear people an idea of what the consumer will be offered a year hence. July features a Report on Europe — what's new and hot, what's selling and much more.

As well, Woodburn believes that "a picture is worth a thousand words" interspersing her words of wisdom with easily interpreted sketches and photos.

Another product of Magwood Enterprises that has been attracting more and more buyers is the Fashion Pak. Started approximately five years ago, Fashion Paks are complete slide and script presentations detailing trends, colors, store window treatments and street fashion in four distinct categories: ladies' ready-to-wear, men's ready-to-wear, accessories and footwear.

Especially useful for training, Magwood's Fashion Paks are quickly becoming favorites of retailers who know that a knowledgeable staff is crucial to a store's success.

While Fashion Format and the Fashion Paks are becoming increasingly important to Woodburn's business, the key is still her "hands on" private consulting to major manufacturing concerns.

"The companies that use my services need extremely advanced information, sometimes two years in advance, tailored to their needs. That I do personally with the result being that I can translate it to the mass market later," says Woodburn.

Wodburn keeps in touch with the market through her travels and through seminars she gives to industry members and consumer groups.

"I'm able to use the information I gather at all stages of its life; in advance for the industry and in season for the consumer. And I get feedback from all as to what they want and need to know."

Now Woodburn is thinking even bigger. "One has to, hasn't one," she laughs, noting that finding larger headquarters in Toronto has been no easy task. She persevered, however, and Magwood Enterprises recently moved to Sultan Street.

"I'm seriously looking at expansion now. My Fashion Format subscribers, in particular, demand it. More travel for myself and more foreign correspondents are my priorities; then, we'll see. With all the information we have, there's no end to the possibilities."

Funds at Par issues directory

TORONTO —

The Canadian Funds At Par Club has issued its first directory listing all U.S. businesses offering par or discount programs.

The publication of the directory represents the first effort to bring under one umbrella organization all the par programs offered in the U.S. to attract the much valued Canadian dollar, says CFAP Club president Robert Gale.

"All American businesses value the Canadian traveler, whether he's a tourist, on business or a long-term resident in Florida or Arizona. But in our directory we've listed those businesses that understand the exchange problem and have said they'll help us do something about it."

The club was conceived by Gale who got "sick and tired" of losing a sizable percentage of his Canadian dollar every time he visited Florida.

Annual dues in the CFAP Club are $35. Members receive, in addition to the CFAP directory, a personalized Card Canada that must be presented to the participating merchant to qualify for the par program (or discount) published in the directory, issued annually and updated throughout the year with a newsletter.

A staff working year-round in Miami updates par programs offered by U.S. businesses on a daily basis. Members get access to this computerized information via a toll-free number from anywhere in Canada or the U.S.

Card Canada's Miami office has gathered a list of hundreds of merchants in Florida and throughout the U.S. with par programs, ranging from hotels in Disney World to clothing stores and restaurants.

"The response among merchants has been so overwhelming," Gale said, "that we're confident that Canadians traveling to Florida will be able to get substantial discounts on everything from their hotel room to a pair of tennis shoes."

Even condominium sales and rentals are available through the directory, as well as other big ticket items such as yacht charters.

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By ESTHER FISHER

TORONTO —

Eggs are so versatile they were included in each course of an elegant dinner recently sponsored by the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency at the King Edward Hotel. The menu, entitled Winning Ways, was designed to demonstrate how everyone wins when eggs are included in recipes.

Frederick Reindl, executive chef of the hotel, developed the recipes for the menu which included marinated duck salad with seasonal greens crowned with chopped eggs, followed by salmon quennelles, soup garnished with egg custard cutouts, supreme of chicken with marsala sauce, and for dessert, a gorgeous souffle with raspberry coulis.

Granted, not everyone is willing to prepare such elaborate fare at home, but the dinner revealed how eggs can be used to liven up any course from appetizers and soups to desserts and sauces. Egg-based entrees are particularly appealing to those who prefer light, nutritious meals as a welcome altenative to heavy foods. And eggs have one of the highest nutrition-to-calorie ratios of any foods we eat. For example, while rich in body-building protein, a large-sized egg has only about 80 calories. By contrast, an average-sized apple or banana has about 120 calories.

Perfect omelette recipe

Here are some hints that will help you make the most of eggs; and recipes from the Egg Marketing Agency that are bound to please. Try the smoked salmon dream cake next time company's coming — it takes only 30 minutes to prepare and it's delicious.

While eggs should be stored in the refrigerator, the shells are so porous they absorb tastes from other foods, so leave them in the egg carton. If you keep them in the refrigerator egg tray, always keep them pointed side down; this helps to keep the yolks centred. Also, if you let eggs warm up to room temperature before using, you'll get more flavorful results in omelettes, souffles and baking goods.

To make a perfect omelette, try the following method (for one serving):

3 fresh eggs
1 tbsp. butter or oil
1 tbsp. water
Salt and pepper to taste.

Lightly beat eggs in a bowl with water, salt and pepper. Heat butter or oil in a pan until hot, but not brown. Pour in beaten eggs. Make circular movements around the bottom of the pan with the back of a fork, lifting the cooked egg up as you stir. Shake the pan gently occasionally.

When the underside is slightly brown and the inside is still creamy but not liquid, the filling may be spooned onto half the omelette. Now the omelette is ready for folding. Tilt the pan away from you, and with a rhythmical movement of the forearm, jerk the pan forward and upward to fold the edge opposite the handle over the filling. Hold the pan vertically and slide the omelette onto a warm plate.

For savory fillings try fresh cooked asparagus, grated cheese, creamed spinach, sour cream and caviar, tomato and shallot.

Salmon cake a dream

SMOKED SALMON DREAM CAKE

12 oz. cottage cheese
16 oz. cream cheese
6 eggs
⅓ cup heavy cream
3 tbsp. butter
½ cup green onion, chopped
½ cup green pepper, chopped
5 oz. smoked salmon, chopped
½ cup Gruyere cheese, grated
3 tbsp. Parmesan cheese, grated

½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. white pepper

Pastry
1½ cups all-purpose flour
6 tbsp. butter
1 egg lightly beaten
¼ tsp. salt

Mix flour and butter. Add egg and salt to make a firm but workable dough. Let stand 30 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare filling: Beat eggs, cottage cheese, cream cheese, and cream together. Saute green onions and green pepper in butter. Combine cheese mixture and sauteed vegetables. Fold in smoked salmon, Gruyere and Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper.

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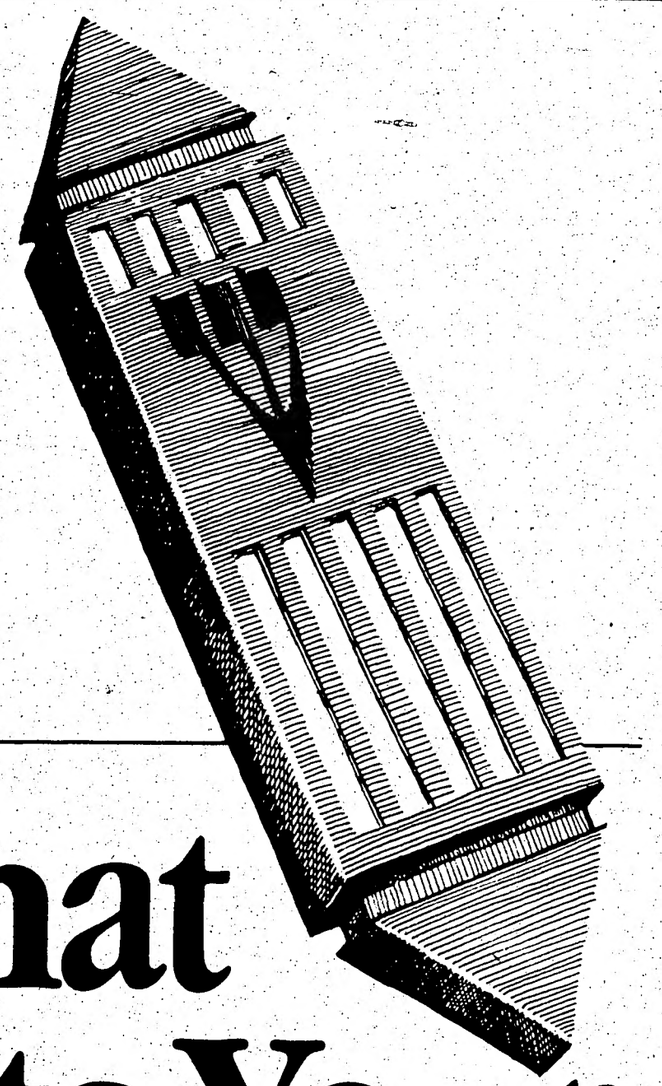

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